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back of me. Do you know what they are talking about—kidnapping us and carrying us into the Adriatic for ransom. Do you remember the case of the Duke d'Arcos—but no matter. They mistake you for the Prince of Wales—"

"What!" My companion drew back and faced me with a curious look.

"It is the truth. We are in the worst quarter of the city and quite deserted on account of the festa at San Marco. We must get out of here instant. There is trouble brewing. Come!"

"And are there no police near?"

"None save those we wish to avoid in preference to a night in a dirty dungeon. We are between two fires. Let us make tracks."

I threw a coin on the grimy table-top and started into the darkness. There I paused to look back.

"Yes, they mean business," I was forced to confess. "Hark! do you hear them? They are following. Now for a chase. This way—this way,—quick, quick!"

Making a sharp turn in the gloom, over a bridge we sped, down through a long *colle* and under an arcade leading to another bridge from whose summit I saw our gondolier in altercation with our former pursuers, the detectives. He was trying to tell them the direction of our vanishing. I felt the need of them now, for I had a strategy in view, with my knowledge of Venice and its intricate ways to bring it to issue.

"S-s-st! Ecco mi!" I called softly. "Follow us, follow—quick!"

The two men in black heard and understood. Leaving the gondola to shift for itself they took up the chase, falling in behind us directly in front of the sea-pirates who were meantime doubtless fast gaining. Another turn brought us to a long arcade more like a submarine tunnel. It was lighted with a single lantern which I snatched from the wall and extinguished.

"This way!" I called to my panting companion, dragging him into the dense shadows where we both fell quite exhausted against the dripping wall.

Soon they came, the detectives ahead, and instantly behind them their pursuers. There was no warning cry—only a quick spring in the darkness, an oath, two heavy falls upon the slippery flagstones, a groan, a struggle and the odor of some pungent anesthetic. In a moment all was still save the strained breathing of the outlaws who knew their trade well and were as strong as panthers. Then in the awful silence we heard a low command, and one by one the dark forms were carried to the end of the arcade and then dropped into a barca that was crunched against its moorings. Scarcely breathing for fear of our lives, we slunk back into the shadows knowing that a terrible deed had been accomplished right before our very eyes though we could not see. Then we heard the plash of oars and the song of the chief villain as he raised his voice in the weird minors of Tasso to disarm suspicion as they moved through the deserted canals at dead of night, the guttural echoes rolling through the intricate crevices like the call of the Prince of Darkness:

"Padre, o buon padre, chi dal ciel rimiri,
Egno e morto—"

He stopped short at the word 'death', for as the barca swept under a lantern hung aloft, he dropped his oar and cried out, "Curse you, swine of a wry-neck mother! We have bagged the wrong game. These are not the *principi Inglesi*. Iddio! what a blunder. Let's make a landing and drop them. They look more like the watch-hounds of the police, curse them and you too, Piedro!"

"Come; they have discovered their mistake," were my first words after this thrilling episode that left me perspiring cold and every fibre weak. "This way! We shall make directly for San Marco!"

"No, no, no!" interposed my guest, restraining me with a clutch upon my shoulder as he followed unsteadily. "I want to get away from Venice directly—directly before anything more happens—before something occurs that detains me beyond my allotted time, to say nothing of other dangers. How best can we escape?"

Through *colle* and campo we were plunging like pursued fugitives from justice.

"There is no way," said I at length, "unless by Pavia, and that is a straight row over the lagoons for ten miles or more—"

"I don't care about distance so long as the end is gained, safely, surely. Can I depend on you?"

"You have so far, sir, thanks to your courage. I think I may be trusted to the end."

We had reached the open now, and passing along toward the Giardino Publico, took up with the first gondolier we found. Him with another to assist him, we bargained for to make this remarkable journey of flight at dead of night. A few moments later we were lying back upon the cushions, thankful and refreshed, gazing up at the brilliant stars set in the turquoise of heaven, silent and dreamful.

"Extraordinary—most extraordinary!" exclaimed my comrade of the journey at last, and a little later sank into a dull sleep, while I sat bolt upright and kept the long vigil.

It was quite daybreak when we alighted from the little cabin of the gondola and saw the ruby glory of the newborn day tipping the white campaniles and towers of far Pavia with

blood-red flame. An hour later we sat at breakfast in a quaint little *giardino* near the station. We had finished our coffee and had reached our cigars when my taciturn fellow traveler said warmly:

"Do you know, I feel that I have made a friend of whom I shall ever be proud. You have kept your promise to me, and I have enjoyed the most unique experience of my life. But since we are to part in a few moments let me say this: I have a confession." He looked me straight in the eyes, and his own twinkled as he spoke. "Do you know that those scoundrels were right last night?" He saw my glance of interrogation. "They were right, the rascals. What memories villains have! I am Wales. Are you shocked?"

"Why should I be?" I rejoined coolly. "Far from it, your highness. It only reminds me of an episode at one of my favorite metropolitan clubs in New York. Once upon a time a rich Californian Hebrew, visiting New York, was given the privileges of the club. He was good company, with but one fault: he insisted upon trying to conceal his Hebrew-extraction. A certain jolly little humpback, a real wit, took a fancy to the man, showing him many courtesies. One night after a right royal spread and a box at the opera at the humpback's expense, the Californian said gravely: 'My dear fellow, you have been very kind to me and I am going to make a confession, if you will promise not to let it go any farther.' 'I promise,' said his host. 'Well, do you realize who I am?' said the guest. Then bending closer, he whispered, 'I am a Jew.' The host thanked him solemnly for the confidence, then said, 'Well, sir, since you have done me the honor to confide in me, I will say that I too have a confession, and I beg you to keep it also an absolute secret.' 'I promise!' said the Hebrew. 'Listen now: do you know what I am?' said the host, as the other looked as if wondering whether he was a prince or a prison-bird, and he whispered, 'I'm a humpback!'"

The prince's hearty laugh was cut short by the far shriek of the train-whistle. He arose, extending his hand.

"And since you have been so generous as to confide in me," I persisted, "I too have a confession to make, your highness. Do you in turn know who I am?" The prince paled a little. "Well, sir, I am an American detective sent out from Scotland Yard to intercept you somewhere in Germany and play Virgil to your Dante through Venice, give you as good a time as possible and see that no harm came to you. You had not been missed one hour from Hamburg before London knew it, and off I was ordered to find you, instead of which you fortunately found me. Ah, the train is here. *Bon voyage, your highness!*"

"Most extraordinary!" murmured the heir to the British throne, not without a tinge of disappointment. "At any rate, you will send your card to me at Sandringham, when you return to London, won't you?"

The Bad Man of Red Gulch.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY OSCAR S. SEEVER.

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I left the gold camp of Bent Pan squirming under the despotic rule of a genuine bad man, and returning a month later found it smiling, licking its chops and waiting for the next.

Bent Pan was located in Red Gulch in the Ruby mountains of Montana, which means entirely out of the world, but it supported a brace of saloons capable of supplying the needs of a much larger community. They were called Rawlson's and the Greasers, after their proprietors, and because of close competition or the natural instinct of men to split up into

parties—it matters little—those two contending factions divided the camp to a man.

Rawlson's, which had as patrons the respectable peace-loving citizens, generally ran things. They settled claim rights, exacted penalties and meted out White Cap justice by surrounding the opposition at night, shooting out the lights and threatening the life of any man who did not acquiesce in their proposition.

Rawlson's however, was not an overwhelming majority in Bent Pan. Their strength lay in Rawlson himself, who was a strategist of no mean powers, while in the opposing faction, though plenty of men, there was no leader to organize against his rule. So drunk with power or more often with Rye, Rawlson's bullied the Greasers into a dangerous state of sullen hatred heedless of the fact that one man with a head could completely turn the tables. Even Rawlson did not realize this until one

Bagley, a powerful, ugly, red-bearded ruffian came into camp and completely terrorized it.

"Ses he can lick his weight in wild cats," Rawlson confided to me, "and he's done it too. Threw Simpson and Bill Horny over his head and has shot ther tinker in ther leg."

Bagley lived up to his name of "Bad Man" from the first. Both saloons had slate and chalk at his disposal, playing for his undivided patronage until the bad man himself ended this sacrifice by bullying others into chalking up his drinks on their slates. He bullied, injured and cursed with unbiased attention to the end of being esteemed at the Greasers and hated at Rawlson's. Among the many causes of grievance, however, there was one instance where he went almost too far. Old man Moore, who took care of the change horses for the weekly stage and was blacksmith, had a daughter called Nina, who was far too comely a girl to spend her life in a lawless mining camp. She held the men at Rawlson's by their heart-strings and when the bad man had passed upon her qualities with unsparing vulgarity, as a possible wife for him, it almost led to an assassination.

But Rawlson discouraged haste. Old Moore, he declared, must act first, and then, as the bad man was a leader at the Greasers, it would be too much like trusting to luck with a grizzly to meddle with him without strategy.

"So here we are," remarked Sandy Low in disgust, "just like a stump-tailed cow tryin' to switch a fly, irritated and waitin' for luck."

It was into this state of affairs that young Terry Levelle, a tow headed, clean cut cowboy, unintentionally dropped. He rode down through the mountains from Butte City and told his story in a plausible, funny manner that gained lasting popularity for him at Rawlson's.

The home ranch was somewhere in the Bitter Root, where he and his father had stock. From thence young Terry had ridden with a year's pay burning a hole in the pocket of his ragged 'shaps,' bent upon seeing the races at Butte. His father had knowingly advised him to get a new outfit before partaking of the festivities at Butte, but Terry had fallen in with kindred spirits from the Madison Valley and in a few days had only a few "bits" of his initial wealth. It was sufficient, however, to enter the cowboy race, which on the Fourth of July is an extra on the racing programme, and by hook and crook and a fast footed cow pony, he won the generous purse subscribed for the event. Then he struck into the hills and four days of mountaineering led him into Bent Pan.

He was two hundred miles off his trail however. To get back to the Bitter Root, he should have taken the easy trail leading south down the valley from Butte.

"Ses he's just prospectin' a bit," said Sandy Low, "but why didn't he buy a new outfit after winning the dust? Pardner, the spidery cowboy shook Butte sudden-like and he ain't layin' out to explain."

This is the episode I missed.

"Ther next mornin' after you left," began Sandy Low, "Bill Summers, me and the Codger what's tinker hereabouts, settin' in front of Rawlson's, seed Terry saunterin' down by Moore's shack when sudden-like he pulls up, and most drops his jaw outen his head. We stretched a bit and seed a petticoat whiskin' in to Moore's cabin, which explained ther trouble. It was ther gal Nina what Bagley was tryin' to court, and we had to laugh at ther prospects for Terry warn't bad lookin'."

"He came over to us and asked who she was. We tells him she's ther blacksmith's gal. He rolls a cigarette then gets up."

"'Whar yer goin'?' pipes ther Codger, havin' a weakness for questions."

"'Cal'ate I'll have some shoes put on ther cayuse,' draws Terry grinnin'."

"Well pardner that pony got a surprise in them shoes—never had any before—but ther cowboy got a bigger one when in talkin' he found Moore and his old man had been partners back in ther fifties. Did Moore melt? It was drop that hat and sot awhile same as if he was holdin' him up with his gun. And say, Terry's pony most wore out them shoes after that stompin' clus by Nina's cabin. Case of love at first sight."

"What did the bad man do? Ther genuine exterminator what could lick his weight in wild cats with rattlers tucked into his boots? He didn't know how to take that spidery cowboy. His bullyin' ended in a joke every day of which ther bad man got ther butt end. But things couldn't last."

"One afternoon, 'bout two weeks after you left, Bill Summers, me and the Codger sittin' in front of Rawlson's seed Terry bolt out of Nina's cabin with a doughnut follerin' what took him just under his bandana. He came over to us a clawin' down his back and his face as red as my shirt."

"'Hello,' says ther Codger, 'Ain't seed yer since noon. Whar yer been?'"

"'Been? In heaven,' he tells ther Codger rather joyful."

"Well it was hell comin' next for the bad man was just inside Rawlson's door. He looked mighty onpleasant, ther mangy red-bearded cuss, and when we got to clearin' our throats over ther spirits what Terry set up, he started to cuss ther whole of us."

"'And now,' says he to Terry, 'you green-

eyed, red-headed leather poundin' whelp you git out of this gulch or I'll pot yer.'

"Then he roared, and 'bout that time Bill Summers and me felt a flea bitin' our right hip and took to scratchin' it."

"'Oh, go easy, you fat-faced prairie fire,' says Terry, careless like. 'You might stampe the whole bunch of us!'"

"Now we expected shootin' but ther bad man rushed, and Terry went down. Bagley thought he'd finished him, but that spidery cowboy was doin' his own tumlin'. Up like a cat and got two whacks in on ther chin what put ther bad man to clawin' 'bout on ther floor."

"Done for? Crawled a minute, then got up and ripped things up generally, lookin' for Terry, who, of course, warn't there. Now we liked that spidery cowboy for lickin' ther bad man and we warn't goin' to see any mud get into his coffee pot."

"Says Rawlson, after ther first explosion, 'You ain't goin' to hurt ther boy are you Bagley?'"

"'What?' yells ther bad man, and Rawlson slides over to ther cash box whar he kept his gun. 'I'm going to kill him; who'll stop me?'"

"'No one,' says Rawlson toyin' with his gun, 'our proposition consarns what happens afterwards. And now you onery June bug, git out,' says he pointin' his gun. Then Bill Summers, me, ther Codger, Simpson, Horny and ther rest laughed at ther bad man who slunk down to ther Greasers a cussin' us."

"That night we'd a wiped out ther Greasers before ther opposition could organize, which was Rawlson's strategy; but that night 'bout two hours after ther stage had pulled out for Madison, who should ride into camp but ther sheriff from Butte. Said he was trailin' a party what had got into trouble at ther races."

"'Sot!' says Rawlson, pushin' out a bottle uneasy like. Then he come to ther other end of ther bar to see what me and ther Codger wanted."

"'Terry and ther gal Nina pulled out on ther stage half a mile down gulch, and old man Moore helped 'em. I seed it, so help me,' says ther Codger."

"'Um, whar's Bagley?' says Rawlson."

"'Took Terry's horse and hiked after 'em. I just seed him,' says ther little Codger."

"'Two hours' start is hopeful,' says Rawlson."

"'Foller him,' says he, p'intin' to ther sheriff, who was swaggering out. 'Strategy 'll do it,' says Rawlson, scratchin' his head."

"Ther Codger come back clean scared. At ther Greasers they told about Terry comin'."

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down from Butte, had gone to show his pony and had found it gone. Then the sheriff came in looking serious like.

"Did any one quit camp just as I come in?" says he.

"Yep," says Rawlson, "just heard so. In a hurry, too."

"From Butte?" says the sheriff.

"Yep," says Simpson. Then he tells about Terry.

"What brand was he ridin'?" asks the sheriff.

"Capital A in triangle," says Rawlson. (That was Terry's horse.)

"Looks?" says the sheriff, gettin' into his saddle.

"Red-headed, smooth face when he came, but has growed a red scrubby beard since," says Rawlson.

"Thankee, pardner," says the sheriff and bolted.

"Then old man Moore riz up and give perticulars."

"Terry did some jockeyin' in that race," says he. "Square enough I figure, or he wouldn't have got that purse. But one of the boys was sore and that night tried to shoot him. Shot his horse instead. One of the Madison boys shot back rather clus and while they were carryin' their feller off, Terry rather sick and anxious to quit them parts, swapped a dead horse for a live one and struck into their hills. Now the sheriff means that that warn't no killin' and the feller has made a howl for his horse."

"Well, we speculated on Terry's chances against that bad man and the sheriff for three days, and prospects were tough. Rawlson's was down in the mouth and the Greasers all oily smirks. But the sheriff come back all right with two others, and between them, tied up on Terry's pony, was that bad man."

"No; just scowlin'." He warn't cussin', pardner. He'd quit that game miles back.

"Well, yer got him," says Rawlson, "what's the charge?"

"We sauntered round to hear."

"Horse stealin'," sez the sheriff, and tells 'bout their trouble at Butte.

"We choked."

"How'd you git him?" says Rawlson.

"Trailed him to Dillon and got the sheriff to locate strangers. Found a young cowboy as innocent as you or me enjoyin' his honeymoon, but I told him that brand I was after. I seed it this mornin'," says he. "Yer did," says I. "Yes," says he, lookin' over my shoulder, "and there's the man who rode it now." I turned and this party walks into my arms. Looks like a horse thief, don't he?"

"It's a lie," yells Bagley.

"Shet up," says the sheriff. "Had no trouble in takin' him, for that young cowboy had covered him and threatened to shoot if he moved a hair or said a word. Well, there is need of him at Butte," says the sheriff, climbin' into his saddle. "So, s'long boys."

"Well, pardner, it was a hip hip hooray time that night at Rawlson's. It was luck to Nina and luck to Terry, to which old man Moore riz up returnin' compliments."

"But say, pardner, Rawlson is fer dicouragin' bad men in Red Gulch. Swears their next stranger what comes into camp talkin' louder'n ordinary is goin' to git potted."

"When You're Up, You're Up."

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HARRIET WALTON.

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HE "fad" district was all astir with the arrival in their midst of an adept.

Now just what is meant by the "fad" district is very simply explained in the few words "Seekers after novelties."

There has always been a class of people the world over

who are constantly running after something new in the way of psychical aid and spiritual enlightenment, and in Boston these people are just as numerous in proportion to the size of the city as though she were less conservative.

At the time of the writing of this story anything psychological was the thing and the mysterious and occult seemed at the same time to open and be wrapt up in this bit of humanity who called himself "Alheb—the adept."

Many and marvelous were the cures he was daily effecting and weird and uncanny the way in which he could unravel and explain family disturbances, while many a skeleton in the closet fell out with a crash under the penetrating glance of this wizard. But the strangest part was the manner in which he chose to convince his patrons of his occult powers.

As I entered his room for a sitting one day, Alheb appeared standing in mid air at the farthest corner of the apartment while almost at the same moment he came bowing from behind me and apologized for having been late to receive me, giving as an explanation that in his astral form he had been to India that day.

And the next second I found myself alone once more save for a rustling and scraping noise and the odor of a very strong perfume. These peculiar performances were frequently repeated on my visits and the fact that the room contained but the one door by which I entered made his sudden exits and appearances the more convincing that such a man could at least prophesy how stocks were going to turn and when to buy or sell. And this explains why I, a well respected citizen, was entrapped in one of the biggest swindling games that has ever been known and allowed by necessity to go unpunished, while the cloud of mystery that has shadowed me for ten years has only now been cleared away.

One word to describe Alheb's quarters. It was in an apartment house in the Back Bay district which had just been completed. An incident of passing interest was the fact that the builder and owner sold it at a great sacrifice immediately on its completion and went somewhere across the water and has never since been heard from.

The house was well filled and Alheb occupied not a suite but a single room on the first floor, probably intended originally for the janitor. It is not known, however, quite what the build-

er had in mind when he put in this separate room. However, Alheb occupied it and had it artistically furnished with oriental drapings, walls and ceiling covered with red burlap and the floors with most exquisite antique silken rugs.

It was noticeable on entering the apartment how very small and how extremely low studded the room was; of course strangely appropriate for his eastern furnishings. I always noticed too, and once questioned the necessity of having double windows in such a small, well heated apartment, at which he replied off-hand that he paid enough rent to have windows six deep.

As I have said, my first excuse in consulting him was my wretched luck in speculating, and having heard of the wonderful horoscopes he had cast I was interested and curious as well, to see what he could do for me. Day after day I went to Alheb's room and in a short time had invested my money at his suggestions where it profited me much, and yet he never demanded more than a mere pittance for these valuable suggestions. This at first seemed to me strange but I finally concluded he was not the grasping foreigner I had pictured him, and after a while many a "sitting" would end with a nibble on some oriental dainty and a pipeful of such tobacco as only Barrie's "Arcadian Mixture" can compare.

One afternoon as I was about to leave, Alheb said to me: "Of all Alheb's year tomorrow is my day. If I had \$100,000 to invest I could double it in twenty minutes without moving from this chair."

This was more than I, in my weakness for gain could stand, and unhesitatingly I agreed on the morrow to bring to him \$100,000 in cash if he would double it and divide the profit.

Accordingly the next day I arrived at his room with a portmanteau filled with the \$100,000. Fearing a possible fraud I employed three detectives to watch the outside of the house and see that no one entered or left during the following twenty minutes. Conscious that my money was well guarded I handed it to Alheb and sank onto the couch with a good cigar, about, as I fully believed, to witness the greatest conjure on earth perform his master feat. Gradually, as he sat there staring at me I detected that same strong perfume and the same peculiar scraping noise of my first visits, and from then on I was lulled into a dreamy sleep.

Suddenly with a shiver I awoke and found myself lying on the bare floor of an unoccupied room. Where could I be! Just then the chimes on a neighboring steeple discordantly pealed out six o'clock, and slowly my situation recurred to me—my pocket book—Alheb—even his little room had all disappeared. I rushed madly to the windows (which I noted were no longer double), yes, the same scene lay without as I looked upon only a short time before, then to the door and out into the same corridor through which I had passed to enter Alheb's room. A scrap of paper fell from my vest as I hurried, and on it in Alheb's handwriting were these words:

"When you're up, you're up, and when you're down, you're down; but when— and here the scrap was torn and the remainder of the old saying I mumbled to myself, laughed nervously at the absurdity of it and threw it away. When I reached the street door there were my faithful men half asleep, vowing no one had entered or gone from the house."

I took them back into the room at once, that occupied by the adept, and they hastily examined all there was left, but a bare room affords so little to inspect that after going down one flight into the cellar and convincing themselves there was nothing wrong there they went away thoroughly satisfied that there had been no such room, no such inmate and that I was demented, a fact I was scarcely able to dispute.

This all happened years ago, but I never recovered from being so duped and with all the confidence in the world I renewed my energies, amassed a fortune spurred on by the hope that some day, some how—I could get hold of the man who so tricked me, and if not the fortune have at least an explanation of the spiriting away of not only flesh and blood but the furnishings of an entire room, and here today reading this little book,—like a message from the dead comes this quotation "when you're up, you're up, and when you're down, you're down, but when you're only half way up, you're neither up nor down."

The same message Alheb left for me! Suddenly the meaning of the saying dawned upon me and seizing my hat I went to the house where I was well known, and with crow-bar and axe returned to the little room. It was a simple task, and beneath the apparently well laid floor appeared the vividly recalled red burlap which hung as wall paper and ceiling covering to Alheb's little room; tearing excitedly at this burlap I pulled it away and through a little opening I saw beneath me the missing room, just as it stood that afternoon so long ago when Alheb drugged me into that costly nap.

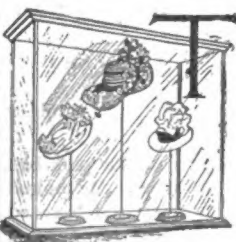
Further investigating explained to me the ingenious mechanism of this curiously arranged elevator-like room within a room, which when lowered left a perfectly empty room behind whose floor was formed and supported by the frame work of this narrow, low room of Alheb's which fitted into a jog between the cellar and first floor, and was cleverly concealed by a unique arrangement of steam pipes over the covering boards.

The house has since been the source of much comment and revenue to the present owner who has visitors daily to see the mysterious room which is "neither up nor down."

That Milliner's Sign.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ELIZABETH BEAN.

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IS just too much for me to bear, mother," exclaimed a pretty young woman angrily, pressing a handkerchief trimmed with cotton lace to her eyes. "It is bad enough not to have any place in the house where I can entertain company,

what with a shop in the parlor, and sister having the sitting room full of worms and bugs, but

this having a dressmaking sign stuck up on the front of the house with our name on it is worse still."

The neighbors were in the habit of saying that honors were even between the widow Johnson's daughters. One had inherited all the beauty in the family and the other all the common sense. Serena was the pretty daughter, and Emily, who ran a dressmaking and millinery shop, and made money in it, was the sensible one.

The expression of opinion took no account of Anna May, but that was not to be wondered at, because besides being younger and lame, she was "odd."

"Odd," in the neighbors' judgment meant that Anna May was fond of butterflies and "moth-millers," and that she delighted in harboring caterpillars until they wound themselves up into cocoons to be cherished until gorgeous winged creatures freed themselves from the stiff brown shell. The neighbors had no sympathy with such "crawling truck," and privately criticised the widow Johnson for indulging her lame girl's unaccountable fancies.

Mrs. Johnson lived in a village on the outskirts of the White Mountains, to whose hotels and boarding houses a considerable number of summer boarders came each year. When her husband died she had found herself in possession of a good house, a small farm, and enough ready money so that with economy she need not worry about her own living and that of Anna May. Each of the two older daughters had received a few hundred dollars from her father's estate. Emily had promptly invested a good share of her capital in millinery goods, and had opened a shop in what had been the little-used "parlor" of her home. Serena was living on her money. She knew she was pretty, and she said to herself, "If I only dress well, and make a good appearance, I ought to be comfortably married before my money is gone."

"Making a good appearance" was Serena's chief thought at present. She had assisted this operation to her own satisfaction by changing the spelling of her own first name to "Cyrenie," which she thought infinitely preferable to its original form. This innovation, by the way, was the result of a visit to the town of a troupe of "one-nighters," presenting, as the bills said, "the great French drama, Cyrano de Bergerac." That Cyrano was a man's name made no difference to Miss Johnson. She was able to rise superior to small considerations, she hoped. If she had not been she would not have had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Mr. Frederick DeMar Brown, a well dressed, and in Miss Johnson's own words "perfectly elegant young man," who was spending a portion of his summer vacation in Bethway.

When the hot weather filled the hotels and boarding houses of Bethway with summer boarders it was Serena's chief delight to go dressed in her prettiest summer gowns, and to manage to slip in among the out of town visitors and imagine that she was one of them. Sometimes she would spend a whole evening sitting on a hotel veranda, pretending that she was a boarder who preferred to watch the dancing in the parlor from the outside. Pleasant afternoons she devoted to reading novels on runcie seats in some back corner of hotel grounds to which she could go undetected. It was in some of these places that she made the acquaintance of Mr. Brown, just how, when and where she never chose to explain. Mr. Brown was "stopping at one of the hotels," he said, and Serena acknowledged the receipt of this information by telling him that she was "staying in town for a time." Which was quite true. She had stayed there, to be perfectly exact, for twenty-six years, seven months and twelve days.

A week of meetings and walks with Mr. Brown, who Serena did not deny to herself was by far "the most delightful person she had ever known," had developed the acquaintance to a point where she felt it incumbent upon her to invite the gentleman to call upon her, if she were to properly encourage his attentions. It was this which had elicited the exclamation to her mother. Before the season had opened Serena's sister had hired the village carpenter to make and nail beside the front door of their home a neatly painted sign:

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him in the face. Of course he would guess at once that it was her home and not her boarding house. Mr. Brown had told her that he was connected with one of the largest dry goods establishments in Boston. What would he think of her if he found that her sister was only a milliner and dressmaker?

Serena came home one evening desperate. It had taken all her tact to prevent Mr. Brown from attending her to her very door, and she had invited him to call upon her the next afternoon. The horrible sign confronted her. The house was dark except for a light left for her in the hall. The sign was small, and lightly nailed on. She took hold of it, gave a vicious pull, and found it in her hands. With the decision which in men makes generals Serena walked across the yard and dropped the painted board into an old well in the corner of the garden.

In the morning the milliner and her mother lamented the loss of the sign. The neighbors said that without doubt a party of college students who were camping a mile outside the village had stolen it, and the next week's local paper had an editorial on "Vandalism," discreetly using no names, however, for fear of offending possible next door boarders. A new sign could not be made and painted inside of a week, though, and Mr. Brown made his call, and several more, before he was obliged to leave town, without ever suspecting that his hostess bore any relationship to the plain little milliner whose shop was in the same house. When he was gone, and the mail began to bring frequent letters from him in large square linen envelopes, Serena was radiant.

One day, late in the summer, two women walking down the village street saw the little sign and spoke of it.

"Let's go in," said one, laughing.

"I expect it will be very funny," said the other, as they went up the gravel walk to the door.

Serena, looking at the woman through a window, said to herself, "How plainly they are dressed." Her sister, when they were in the shop, recognizing the richness of material and quiet elegance of style of their garments, made mental notes for her own future benefit.

The visitors made some slight purchases as an excuse for coming in. When the owner of the shop had gone to wrap the bundles one of the women pointed to the bonnets and hats displayed in the cheap little show case, and said to the other:

"Ellen, do you see those? That is genius. Cheap stuff and crude work, of course, but positive genius. Do you suppose she made them?"

"I don't know," said the other woman.

"Let's ask her."

The little milliner, blushing a bit with pleasure at the compliment, said the bonnets were of her own design and making.

"But where did you get your ideas? What-ever made you think of combining those shades?" one of the women continued, indicating a particular bonnet.

The milliner hesitated.

"Please don't think me impertinent," the visitor hastened to explain. "I'm sure I didn't mean to be. I am Mrs. —" giving a name which even the country woman recognized as that of the proprietor of the most stylish millinery establishment in Boston.

"Oh, it wasn't that," the owner of the shop exclaimed. "It was only that I was afraid you would think it so odd if I told you where I got the idea. I don't think I mind, though. Won't you please step this way?"

She led the visitors across a narrow hall into the sitting-room, from which Serena, who had heard them coming and was not dressed for callers, hastily retreated.

"Anna May," she said, "may we see your specimens?"

A girl who was bending over a box on the window sill, looked up shyly at the strangers, and then with the help of a crutch went to a wooden cupboard and opening the door showed the whole interior covered with beautiful butterflies and moths. The milliner pointed to one superb moth, brown, gold and red.

"I got the idea of combining those shades from that moth," she said.

"Ellen," said one of the visitors, "did you ever?"

"No," said her companion, "I never did; but I hope I know enough to know a good thing when I see it."

The result of which was that Emily Johnson is now employed as a designer in the great Boston establishment, at a salary which Bethway people regard as fabulous. She still depends upon Anna May for ideas, paying her handsomely for them, and the neighbors have come to regard with due respect "oddities" which have such tangible results for good.

Serena? Oh, yes.

Emily had not been in Boston long before she wrote home one day, all unknowing how cruel her words were:

"When Serena comes down to visit me she will be surprised to find another acquaintance here. That Mr. Brown who used to come to call on her last summer tends the handkerchief counter in our store."

His Duty to The Flag.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY D. H. TALMADGE.

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RIVATE Donagan, with characteristic disregard for conventionality, was approaching his death without doctor to ease his physical pain or priest to calm his soul. He lay in his blankets, biting his blue lips with white teeth, and listening doggedly to the rain upon the tent above him, while his comrades talked in low tones and wagged their heads grimly. At a little distance stood the lieutenant, his eyes alternately resting upon the dog-tent where the sufferer lay and a light spot in the clouds of the western sky. The lieutenant was laboring with a sorely vexed spirit, as only men of refined sensibilities can labor when heart revolts against mind. His duty as specified by orders, required him to push on with his command; his duty as a sym-

pathetic human being—which person military orders are not given to encouraging in times of war—held him to the dog-tent and Private Donagan. He thought over the situation very carefully, and finally, with the lines of indecision still deep upon his brow, but with moisture that was not rain in his eyes, he strode to the dog-tent and crawled in.

"Well, Donagan, how are you by this time?" he asked, assuming a cheerfulness he was far from feeling.

"Oh think Oi could be worse, sor, but not much. Iv'ry bloody thril in me carciss be tinglin' loike toothache, and me hid—me hid—look out, sor! Oi be fearful 'tis goin' to bursh this minute! Crawl back, sor, back! 'Twill shpatter on yer clo'es!"

The lieutenant placed his hand gently upon the sufferer's forehead. "No danger of its bursting, Donagan, my man," he said kindly.

"You have a touch of fever, that's all. If we had a doctor we should have you up in no time, but, having none, we have only to grit our teeth and beat it off. That is the thing to do, Donagan. You are great at beating things off. Do you remember that morning at Iloilo when six of the Filipinos attacked you from a half-dozen directions? Do you remember it?"

Donagan smiled. "Yis," he said, "Oi remembers it. Thim poor divils be did now—foive av thim on the faild and one av thim takin' an ill-gint bay'nut thrust home wid him in triumph to show the Wolfe av his boosom. Yis, yis, Oi remembers."

"You are a fighter, Donagan," continued the lieutenant, "and you must fight this sickness off. Go to sleep now, and you will be yourself again in the morning. Is there anything you want?"

"Nothin' sor."

He turned his face away wearily, and the lieutenant joined the group outside the tent.

"Men," he said, "we must move in the morning. It is very important that we do so. If Donagan is not able to go with us, we shall be compelled to leave him, and one of you will have to stay. I am sorry. We are too few as it is, but we must make the best of things."

He walked slowly to his own tent, and the men looked at one another solemnly.

Private Jim Brown spoke first. "Donagan 'll not be able to move in the mornin'," he said with conviction, "and whoever stays with him 'll stand a mighty good show of gettin' chewed up by savages. It's nothin' short of providence that we ha'n't been run across by some of 'em before this. The poor feller ought to be took to camp."

"O' course," said Private Smith, "he ought, but there's no way of takin' him. Besides, 'twould interfere with this game we're playin', whatever it is."

"That's so," said Brown with a sigh; "we're up against scout's luck—it's get through or die. It's a good old warmin' up the lieutenant 'll come in for if he don't carry out his orders. 'Wough!' the colonel 'll say, 'one of your men took sick, eh? Suddenly, eh? Had to stay with him, eh? Well, sir, you've simply raised hell with the American army, sir! What the double-dashed Filipino flag did you do it for? I don't envy the lieutenant in case the old man gets after him. He's so tender-hearted he'll take it awful hard."

"Oh, I reckon we'll get through," said Smith. "Anyway, we've got to make the best of present circumstances, and there's no comfort in bad dreams. What's that?"

"It's Donagan," said Brown; "hush!"

"Two Donagan they called him. When the soldier shid his blood, 'Two Donagan they called him, But his name wor rally Mud."

"He's in bad shape," whispered Brown. "The trouble's gone to his head, and he's spoutin' poetry."

The others shook their heads and gazed at the dog-tent without comment.

"He thought he wor a folghin' man. But he struck a thing at lasht That broke his future inty bits, And his hince become his pasht."

And whin he found his hince wor gone, Wid all his might and main He raised the divil wid his tint,— And wor laid out in the rain."

There was a ripping of canvas and Donagan's boot appeared through the top of the dog-tent.

"What in Sam Hill!" Brown jumped forward. "Quick, boys! he's crazy! Come and lay down on him!"

"Crazy nothin'!" Donagan's head was thrust suddenly through the aperture made by the boot. "Oi be fallin' bitter, that's all."

The men hesitated, blank astonishment upon their faces. Donagan laughed, but it was not a pleasant laugh. His eyes were wild as a windy sunset, and his face was chalky white.

The lieutenant came up, running. "Donagan," he ordered sternly, "lie down at once. Brown, stay with him and keep him quiet."

Brown's great hairy hand descended softly upon Donagan's head, pushing it below the canvas. Then he crawled into the tent, and for a moment there was a sound of struggling.

"He's all right now, sir," called Brown, gaspingly; "quiet as a kitten." His voice fell to a tone of expostulation at close quarters, and the lieutenant, smiling slightly, turned away.

"The poor fellow overheard the men talking," he told himself.

Darkness fell upon the earth, and simultaneously it fell upon the mind of Private Donagan. And out of the darkness Private Donagan unrolled the scroll of his past life, Brown, sitting half upright beside him, listening.

"Whisht!" said Donagan. "Proy open the windy careful now. There! Me first. Throw a bit av loight on the floor, Bill, for Oi've no moind to be stippin' inty stall traps. Up shairs now, and moind yez the floor's iggs. Ah-h! Look at that now, Bill, look at that! Watches, Bill, and a foine pocket-book as big as a ham—divil a thing in it but papers! Gift inty the pants pockets, me b'y, whole Oi runs over the bunch av shuff. O moy, O moy! Here's a mor'gige give boi the widdy Flannagan on the shanty and the pig. And here's another boi which Johnny Muldoon—poor sick Johnny—'ll lose his cow. 'Tis lucky we chanced in this night, Bill, for these things nades liftin'. Whisht! What's that? Quick! Snalk, Bill, for yer loife!"

"He's evidently been in the burglary line," commented Brown to himself, peering through the semi-darkness at the sick man. "I wonder—"

"Down boi the soide av the babblin' brook, wid yez on me arm, Mary Ann,"—Donagan's voice rose clear now and joyous—"be hivin' nothin' liss; for thim lips, me shwate, be the gates to happiness, and the loight from thim oyes shows a hungry lad the way to it. Stip yer little foot careful, Mary Ann, for the shtones be uncertain as loife. Careful, darlin',

careful! A wit foot moight main congestion av yer little lungs, Mary Ann, and a burshin' inty smitherens av me own fond heart. There! Now Oi have yez! 'Tis in the middle av the ragin' shtrame yez be, and yez can neither go ahid or back till yez name the day. What's that? Not till yez pay off the mor'gige on the house av yer mither? Ah, Mary Ann Flannagan, yez be a good girl, but thot mor'gige 'll niver come up aginst yez, for 'twor shote from the old shkinflint that hild it. Hoinsty? An, yis; but till me, shwate, whoy hoinsty's required only av the poor. Oi—Oi—yis, Oi'll be takin' it back—don't be lookin' at me loike thot—don't, darlin'—don't!"

Then he cried out suddenly like a wild beast, so quickly did the moods of his delirium change. It required every ounce of the strength in Brown's great frame to hold him down.

"Arrist me, would yez! Curse yez! Do it thin! Come on, all av yez, wid yer little tin shairs and yer clubs! Oi be a howlin' divil! Whirr-roo! Take thot and thot and thot! The gutters 'll be runnin' knay-dape wid the blood av yez, and the shkins av yez 'll be shtriched on the cobbles before yez takes me in, yez damned—"

He sank back limp, still cursing feebly, and the mood changed once again. He spoke quietly now, almost meekly.

"The oath av allegiance to the shairs and shtrouipes—God bliss thim! Give me the book thot Oi may put me hand upon it. Me country—Oi'll foight for her and foight hard; Oi'll dole for her and be glad. Ah, Mary Ann Flannagan, 'twor a cruel trick yez played on the man thot loved yez true! 'Twor not noice ov yez to give me to the law for what Oi did for yez! Oi forgive, yez, darlin', but 'twor cruel, cruel! Oi be true to yez yit, shwate. Sometime—Oi dunno—Oi dunno— Yis, sor, Proivate Donagan av the fourty-fourth. Thank yez, sor. Oi always troies to do me duty to the flag. 'Twor a good foight, yis, sor. Oi—"

Then in an instant he seemed to fall asleep, and Brown, wearied by the exertion, sank down beside him.

When Donagan opened his eyes again, the delirium had passed, and he lay for a time blinking at the stars through the rent in the canvas. Brown was snoring gently, one of his arms across Donagan's body. Donagan cautiously pushed it aside, and slowly, with infinite labor, worked his way out of the tent.

"Oi must do it," he told himself with a sorry wink, "for the sake av the flag. They must move in the mornin'—the liftin' said so. Holy mither! Oi could not shay in thot tint longer—'twor thot shstoiflin' hot. 'Tis air Oi must have and ixercise, yis, yis."

He crawled slowly to the near-by stream, and remained for a time with his hands in the cool water. Then he bathed his throbbing, whirling head, and chuckled.

"'Tis thot simple!" he thought. "O moy, O moy! There's Elliott on guard, and 'tis a pinny he can plug at a hundrid yards. 'Tis a bit av a rustlin' sound Oi'll be makin'. He shtops, and brings up his roifle. Thin Oi'll be roisin' up loike this, and duckin' agin. He's got me in his oye. Now 'tis once more Oi'll be liftin' me hid agin, and thin—"

The rifle shot rang out sharply. Its echo had hardly died away before Brown was at the sentry's side. The lieutenant and the others were there almost as soon. The sleep of men in a hostile country is not rifle proof.

"What is it, Elliott?" asked the lieutenant. Brown answered the question. "It's Donagan, sir," he said, and his voice trembled; "I dropped into a doze, and he wandered away in his delirium."

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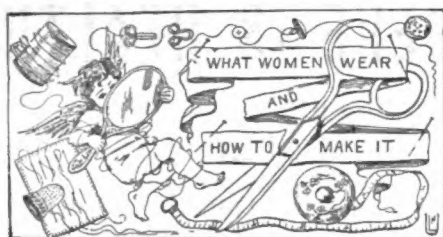
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rate front, very pouchy, of white chiffon beautifully embroidered and sewn with steel pailletage. A tiny touch of pale blue at the top of the stock, the wrists and at the belt give the necessary color. Very few gowns are now left to a preponderance of black effects, but are relieved by bits of color cleverly placed.

A novelty in dress trimming is the use of satin broche ribbon known as Dresden, the flowered circles cut out and applied to a narrow framing of taffeta, stitched, before applying to the cloth.

Some of the new hat shapes are supremely ugly, and any girl must be more than pretty to wear them well. Fancy a medium sized sailor with a tam-o'-shanter crown quite as broad as the brim. Of course this leaves a groove between the brim and crown which is filled in with crushed tulle or folded silk, very soft in quality.

The "lace stitch" done in heavy twist is used in profusion on new gowns. A frock of white organdie dotted with raised black polka dots has a number of thin black lace bands set into the skirt, each band connected by this coarse lace stitch. The effect is wonderfully fetching.

If you wish to be entirely in the swim you must have your new shirt waists buttoned down the back; they are not called shirt waists at all, but blouses, and are made up in dainty wash silks as well as thin cotton stuffs.

In Paris they are wearing skirts much wider and shorter than we are here and I suppose it is only a matter of a short time when we will be doing the same.

The high, stiff stock we have clung to so long is, I am sure, bound to give way little by little to the narrow, soft affairs of unstiffened lace or silk. These soft, unlined stocks are infinitely more dainty, and much more comfortable for warm weather wear.

Ribbons are so much used as dress garniture this season it surely will not be amiss to mention some of their beauties here. A ribbon of mousseline taffeta has a floral design in prettily contrasting colors in wreath effect, outlined by rows of machine stitching, providing a most tasteful and effective contrast. Very much to the fore are the ribbons in solid color with borders of gold or silver.

A dainty way of trimming a frock of muslin or lace with ribbon is to combine tiny bebe velvet ribbon of black, or any color desired, with broad white taffeta; the bows being of the white, with a small bow of the black in the center, and the black twisted loosely around the bands of white—the very latest cry is the use of one single end of ribbon at the back, twisted loosely with the narrow velvet, and finished at the extreme end with a full bow.

Very few evening coiffures are worn unadorned this season. Sometimes the decoration does not consist of more than a soft rosette of ribbon or tulle placed becomingly among the soft pile, but more often a much more pretentious mode is effected with the use of jeweled combs or barrettes. There are all styles and varieties of barrettes of course, but the very long, oblong shape leads in modishness and it can be had in the most gracefully intertwined designs as well as the more simple double bar joined at either end. A

striking example of this novelty is shown in silver gilt set so thickly with tiny rhinestones that nothing but an apparently unbroken ripple of dancing light is seen, and as they are exceedingly small and set flat, it is really impossible to detect any difference between these and the real jewels when once they are placed in the hair. Combs of genuine amber with waved tops of unusually lovely design are often ornamented with these same rhinestones set in silver, and show all the care and finish expended on much more expensive articles. The loveliest of amber combs are set with imitation turquoise of a lovely blue, while others show a combination of turquoise and rhinestones.



Jeweled hairpins are among the latest inspirations and are used singly or in pairs crossed at the back of the head, supposedly in order to keep stray hairs in place.

The fashion of wearing two or three tiny gold neck chains at one time is novel, but very popular; each chain bearing a burden of some jewel or other, oftentimes quite inexpensive. Beautifully cut, real amethyst hearts are so cut that each side is equally effective and set at the top with a cluster of wee rhinestone leaves, daintily fashioned and set in silver-gilt. Neck chains of real gun metal set with large pearls, very genuine in appearance, are popular, and among the most fascinating bits of finery offered to women.

Bits of hand painting upon many of the new frocks make them so costly as to reduce the number of wearers very much to the minority. An exquisite gown of transparent black voile made over black silk, a narrow skirt yoke of hand painted mousseline de sole, the design being a series of different colored roses, the yoke set in close shirrings drawing the colors so closely together that the effect is a beautiful blending of color.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

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F the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence eight were of foreign birth.

Matthew Thornton, James Smith and George Taylor were born in Ireland, James Wilson and John Witherspoon in Scotland, Robert Morris and Button Gwinnett in England, and Francis Lewis in South Wales.

Of the forty-eight who were American born, nine were born in each of the States of Massachusetts and Virginia. Five were born in Maryland and four each was the number

from Pennsylvania, South Carolina, New Jersey and Connecticut. Three were born in New York and three in Delaware, while two came from Rhode Island and one from Maine.

Nearly every man of the number was highly educated and more than a score of them were graduates of the best colleges. Nearly every profession seems to have been represented among them, but nearly half the number were lawyers.

In 1779, John Adams became vice-president of the United States, under Washington, and then became President in 1797.

Thomas Jefferson served as vice-president under Adams and then became the third President in 1801. By a strange coincidence of circumstance, these two men who had been so closely associated together during life, both died on July 4th, 1826, just fifty years from the day when they signed the Declaration of Independence.

Elbridge Gerry became vice-president under Madison, in 1813, and died while serving in that capacity.

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of the people and three served in the next highest capacity, but almost every one reached to high official positions. The offices of Governor, Chief Justice, Foreign Minister, and other places of trust were bestowed on them, while nearly all of them were sent as delegates to the Continental Congress at various times. John Hancock was the president of that congress when he placed his name as the first signature on the Declaration of Independence.

Of these fifty-six men, Benjamin Franklin was the oldest, having been born in 1706, while Edward Rutledge was the youngest although he was but three months younger than Thomas Lynch, Jr.—the one being born in November and the other in August of 1749.

At the close of the year 1775, Thomas Lynch, Jr. started on a trip to the West Indies and the vessel in which he sailed was never heard from, making it a probability that he was the first one of the fifty-six to die. Charles Carroll outlived all the others and died on November 14, 1832.

Men drafted the Declaration of Independence and men signed it, no woman's name appearing thereon, and yet it was a woman who had the courage to save the document, at the risk of her life. When the British soldiers were looting and burning things at the Capital on August 24, 1814, Dolly Madison remained in the White House as long as it was possible and having secured the valuable records, was just leaving the place when she thought of the Declaration of Independence which was carefully guarded in a case by itself, and so had been overlooked. Rushing back, in spite of all efforts to detain her, she smashed the glass of the case with her hand and snatching the priceless treasure succeeded in saving it.

Enterprise and money, in the hands of men, rebuilt the city, but no wealth and no power could have replaced that document which is dear to the heart of every loyal American.

One other item of interest lies in the fact that the first complete copy of the document was published in the German language, appearing in the STAATSBLAET on July 9, 1776, Henry Miller, who had been a printer for Benjamin Franklin being the publisher.

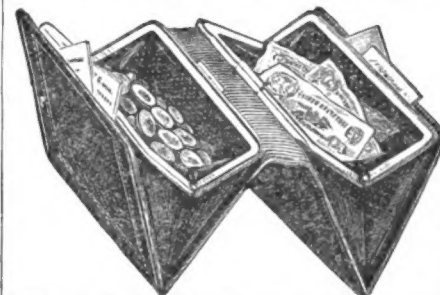
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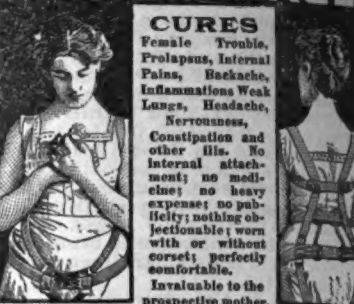
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DEAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS:

Fervid July is upon us again, and I venture to doubt whether any of the Cousins have the ambition to

"Put a girdle about the earth
In forty minutes."

Most of us feel more like asserting that

"I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine
With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine,"
and betaking ourselves thither with all expedition to hide ourselves from the heat.

Our first letter this month takes us into the country, as it should, and among the chrysalises.



near the ground a little object which looked more like a triumph of the jeweler's art than anything else. It seemed carved from the palest mother-of-pearl, and each little projection was tipped with pure gold.

"What a lovely, odd-looking ornament this would make," I exclaimed, and put it carefully away, thinking I would have it set in gold and wear it as a pin. Alas for my vanity and ignorance! When I took it out some time later its lovely sheen was gone, leaving it blackened and dull.

"It has decayed," I thought, and threw it away. Had I kept it a little longer I might have seen the shell open and some winged creature burst forth, for I learned later that these chrysalises lose their pearly tints and gilded spots just before the insect emerges.

"The duration of this chrysalis state depends upon the temperature of the surrounding air, lasting only eight or ten days in summer, while, if beginning in cooler weather it may be prolonged through the winter. The naturalist Reaumur kept one in an ice-house two years, and after being placed in a warmer temperature it matured and the butterfly appeared."

"The variety of chrysalis having gold markings is only one of many, yet it originated the name 'chrysalis' which is from a Greek word meaning 'gold.'"

"This order of insects may pass the winter in any one of its four stages, some as eggs, some as caterpillars, others as chrysalises and still others as moths or butterflies, in either case inactive, hidden away in some sheltered place, emerging in spring to go on to full development."

"These insects have been cited as a beautiful illustration of immortality, the greedy caterpillar representing our earthly life with its low, base appetites, the chrysalis the stillness of death and the butterfly the resurrected soul soaring aloft in beauty and perfection."

MRS. M. S. BARNES, NASHVILLE, TENN.

As it is only a few months since I published a letter on the Washington and Lee University I cannot offer a prize for this one but it is so well written and contains so many items of interest that I cannot forbear printing it.

"Nestled among the rugged and picturesque ridges of the Allegheny on the west and the Blue Ridge to the eastward, lies the seat of one of the greatest of Southern Universities, Washington and Lee. This noted institution was chartered away back in 1782, and with the exception of a few years during the civil war, it has had an uninterrupted history of prosperity. It is indeed fortunate in its location—being surrounded by one of the most beautiful sections of Virginia, as far as its scenery is concerned. In the famous Valley of Virginia which is recognized as the garden spot of the state. Near here are several points of interest—the Rockbridge Alum Springs, the Goschen Pass, very pretty in the spring when completely covered with beautiful laurel, and the Natural Bridge, one of the most remarkable natural wonders of the world."

"The monument of Stonewall Jackson is found in the cemetery here in Lexington, and is annually visited by large numbers of tourists."

"Washington and Lee University is situated on a prominence in a beautiful campus of maple, locust, and oak trees, with private walks and beautiful drives. This is in the heart of the famous Virginia lawn of the blue grass country, and in the fall and spring the campus is magnificent. The large substantial buildings on 'College Hill' overlook the beautiful valley that spreads around."

"In the Lee Memorial Chapel is the mausoleum surmounted by a marble bust of Robert E. Lee. Beneath the chapel are the vaults of the famous Lee family and also the office of Gen. Lee, kept as he last left it—not a book moved, his chair beside his desk, and his pen and ink just as he left them in 1870."

C. F. WATTS.

Next we have a description of one of the industries of Georgia.

"Perhaps some of *Comfort*'s many readers would like to see a picture and read a description of a raft of Georgia timber. This picture was taken when the raft was just finished, and before it started down the river to the market. Often the rafts are made more than one hundred feet long, but this one is not quite so long."

"The lumber is held together by logs or large pieces of timber passing across the raft, and fastened by pegs on each outside plank. On the front of the raft, where the small log is fastened to the large one by two pegs, an oar is to be built. This is to help guide the raft as it floats down the river. The long poles with hooks fastened to the end that the men are holding serve to help guide and to keep away any floating object from the raft. Quite often the timbers come apart in the river, and the raft hands use these hooks to bring the pieces together again."

"From two to six men usually take a raft down the river. They live on the raft day and night, and fare well too, for the rivers abound in fish, and game is found along the banks. A pile of sand is put on the timber, and upon this is made the fire for cooking."

"The raft travels from four to six miles an hour



RAFT OF GEORGIA LUMBER.

according to the swiftness of the current. Darien, an excellent harbor and lumber market at the mouth of the Altamaha river, is the market for these rafts. In this instance the raft is to be floated down the Oconee river to the Altamaha, then to the ocean. The Altamaha is formed by the union of the Ocmulgee and Oconee about one hundred miles from Darien.

"Until recently most of the timber carried from this section was hewn and rafted. Now, since railroads have been built, saw mills have been brought in, and the greater part of the timber is sawn before being shipped to western and eastern markets, though a great deal of rafting is still done."

"In spring, when the weather is cool and pleasant, it is an enjoyable outing to take a raft down the Altamaha, as this river affords splendid fishing and hunting."

W. ADELLE DARBY, Vidalia, Ga.

So far, our letters have taken us into a region where the heat is too great for comfort at this season of the year, but now we will go farther north and study a curious freak of nature.

"Milton is in Wayne County, eastern Indiana, and has a population of nearly one thousand. The town is built on the right bank of Whitewater river, whose laughing waters, like those of Tennyson's 'Brook,' ripple out

'From haunts of coot and hern,
Then make a sudden sally
To sparkle out among the fern,
And bicker down a valley.'

Thus,

'With many a curve their banks they fret,
By many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy foreland set,
In willow-weed and mallow,'

they, too, glide on to join another river.

"This pretty country town embosomed amidst magnificent, well-watered, well-timbered farms whose broad, cultivated acres produce abundant fields of waving grain and golden harvests, and whose smiling meadows, gemmed by wildflowers, and scented by clover-blossoms, furnish rich pasture, is often pronounced typical of a quaint old New England town."

"One and one-half miles west of Milton is a freak of nature, known as 'Shaky Hill.' From an elevation of fifty feet above the level, its summit looks down serenely upon a wooded landscape, and the dimpling waters of Simonds' creek flowing at its base. Its shape and construction resemble the work of the Mound-Builders."

"In an early day Wiley Reagan, a pioneer settler in the vicinity, built a log cabin on this hill. Soon after he moved into his new home a sudden convulsion, or heaving of the earth beneath, shook the house so perceptibly that the dishes rattled in the cupboard; a clothes line attached by one end to the house and to a stake sunk in a hollow beech-stump at the other was seen to jerk as though by human agency. Upon one occasion wood-choppers were felling trees on the hill when they were startled by a trembling of the ground under them. Looking up, they saw a log roll some distance down the slope without any visible cause. Another time an immense stone was moved several feet from its original place."

"Such are a few incidents in the history of 'Shaky Hill.' Every spring and fall, for many years, convulsions of a like character were experienced by Mr. Reagan and others. Also at the specified seasons, especially in dark, damp weather, a roaring sound could often be heard. At length, annoyed by the frequent occurrence of these strange disturbances, and tired of living over an earthquake, or volcano, as the case might be, Mr. Reagan moved his house."

"Of late years these convulsions have not been so frequent or pronounced; still, now and then, 'Shaky Hill' continues to shake up the people in its vicinity into a fever of curiosity and speculation as to the cause of its mysterious action. Professors and students in geology have visited it and sought to unveil the secret hidden in its depths, but as yet the problem is unsolved."

FLORENCE A. NEUMAN, Milton, Indiana.

Eva Johnson, of Carl Junction, Mo., writes me a description of the state of Washington, which she has evidently taken from some geography, so I can only thank her for her thought for us, and hope she will try us again with something of her very own.

Thus far we have been considering the wonders of nature. Now let us give our attention for a time to the works of man.

"Those readers of 'Chats' who have been watching closely the South African War through the newspapers will no doubt remember how General Buller in attempting to ford the Tugela at Colenso was obstructed by barbed-wire entanglements under the water, and under a withering fire from well-aimed smokeless-powder rifles was forced to retire with heavy losses in men and guns. Perhaps they will also remember that entanglements at Modder River aided materially in repulsing Methuen. In fact barbed-wire has been used very successfully

by the Boers throughout the war, to aid them in resisting the attacks of the British. It also acted as a great barrier against our United States soldiers in Cuba. Most readers will doubtless wonder how such a small obstruction as barbed-wire can successfully hurl back an army, but when an army marches up against a strong barbed-wire fence, with no implements to cut the wire the soldiers are certainly in a serious predicament."

"Knowing that a barbed-wire fence is coming to play a serious part in war, I am going to write something of the part it plays on the western stock ranch; barbed and woven wire fences bid fair to do away with all other kinds of fencing, being the easiest made, most substantial and most durable. Board and rail fences will rot, stone fences will crumble, but a fence of galvanized wire will not even rust. Of course the posts will finally rot and have to be replaced, but the wire will remain as good as new. No animal can break a substantial barbed-wire fence. He injures himself more than the fence, if he tries it."

"Its construction is simple. Posts, the best being from the heart of white oak, are set sixteen feet apart to a depth of two and one-half feet. Digging the post holes is a difficult task if they are dug with bar and shovel, but if bored with the post-hole augur, which requires wet ground, the labor is much lighter. After the posts are set and fastened to a post, a crowbar is pushed through the hole in the spool, a man takes each end of the crowbar and the two, holding it in front of them, walk along and let the wire unwind. After the spool of wire is strung out they go back and one stretches the wire very tightly with a barbed-wire stretcher while the other fastens it to the posts with staples. Another spool is unwound, stretched tightly and nailed, and so on until the fence is the desired number of wires high."

"One great objection to barbed-wire fences when first introduced was that they would kill or cripple too much stock, but since it has been thoroughly introduced throughout the country, stock have become familiar with it, and having had a few lessons by rubbing against or touching the barbs, the animals have learned to keep at a safe distance."

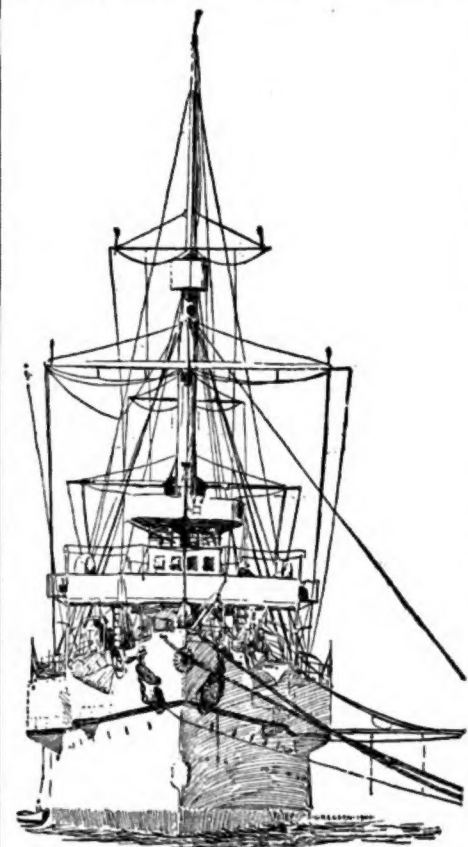
"One prize horse on the ranch, a trim built little bay with a dot on his forehead, was once running at large in a field, and coming to a low place in the fence concluded that it would be a nice experiment to jump over into the next pasture. He made the attempt, but in bringing his hind legs over he caught them on the wire. Perceiving that to struggle forward or back would cut him severely, he stood still until the next morning, when he was released by a gentleman living on our ranch. We hear daily of some human being displaying horse sense, but this is one of a few instances I have known of a horse displaying human sense."

GEORGE JONES, Roseburg, Ore.

This letter also treats of the wonderful works of man.

"During the past decade the Imperial Empire of Japan has made rapid strides in the way of naval architecture. Since her war with China that power has greatly augmented her navy and a number of new and formidable war vessels have been constructed, equipped and placed in active commission. The Japanese cruiser, Chitose, recently constructed and equipped by the Union Iron Works Company, of San Francisco, is one of the most formidable war vessels of her class belonging to the Imperial Government."

"In the Japanese language the word Chitose signifies 'one thousand years.' Just what application that meaning may bear for the new warship does not appear. The Chitose is four hundred and five feet in length, forty-nine feet beam, and about seventeen and one-half feet depth of hold. She is provided with two sets of four-cylinder, triple-expansion engines, operating twin screws. The vessel has been completely fitted out with silverware, a rich and beautiful china service, etc. The captain's cabin is elegantly finished in solid mahogany, and there are many unique carvings made to suit the requirements of the Japanese. The chrysanthemum, being Japan's national flower, appears in many of the carvings and other decorations."



THE JAPANESE CRUISER, CHITOSE.

tions. Great taste and skill have been exercised in making the furniture, every piece of which has been modeled from a special design, and formed to fit a certain place in the cabin. The ventilating and electric systems are as perfect as possible. The vessel is provided with steam steering gear, handled by electricity, and the ammunition hoists are also moved by electricity, while a complete telephone system is in operation throughout the ship."

"Every soul on board of the Chitose is a loyal son of the Mikado, and the vessel has her full complement of officers and men. The Japanese marines are all stoutly built and able-bodied fellows. Strict naval discipline is enforced, and officers and men are very attentive to their duties."

J. MAYNE BALTIMORE, Spokane, Oregon.

Another cousin from Rutland, Wisconsin, sends me a well written article on the old Carroll House, near Baltimore, Md., but I wonder if he has visited the place himself? His description does not agree, in all respects, with my own knowledge of the place.

Now let us listen to a bit about the beautiful Hudson river.

"I so enjoy reading the many letters in *Comfort* that I think I will join the band of cousins and write an account of the Hudson river for your circle of readers. The Hudson is a river of the Adirondack Mountains, for it rises there and thence goes ever flowing on its majestic way to the

broad ocean. This grandest of rivers, the 'Rhine of America,' as it has been called, was discovered by an Englishman, Henry Hudson, who sailed from a Dutch port, in a Dutch vessel, and with a Dutch crew. It has been called the North river, in verse it is sometimes called the Shatinuck, and the Dutch gave it the name of Mauritius, but it finally became the Hudson, and still goes by that name."

"To see the Hudson in all its glory one should take a day steamer for a sail upon its waters. West Point, the home of the United States Military academy, the renowned 'Highlands of the Hudson' and the Catskill Mountains are among the many beautiful views to be enjoyed from the deck of the steamer as we glide along."

ISABEL HISARD, Coxsackie, N. Y.

And now here is a cousin from Rockne, Illinois, who has an article which she thinks is just the thing for our page, but she wants me to accept it and promise to pay for it before I have seen it, and also wants me to state for what month I can use it. I couldn't do that, my dear, any more than you would be willing to promise to buy a new dress without knowing anything about its quality or color, or to what season it was suited. Send the article on and let me see what it is and then I will tell you what I can do with it."

We have recently had a letter upon oil and gas wells, but as this one tells us something of the discovery of natural gas in Indiana I think we shall find it interesting.

"Among the great resources which Mother Nature has hidden in the earth is natural gas which, when liberated by drilling wells, becomes perpetually flowing fountains of gas, and is used for power as well as for lighting purposes. This gas is invisible, but has an odor resembling that of petroleum. It was first discovered in Indiana by a man who was digging for water. He got down to a soft rock and struck seeping water, and as he wanted a basin to go below the stream and keep a surplus of water on hand he concluded to blast, and for this purpose he lowered a can of nitro-glycerine to the bottom of his well and dropped a go-devil upon it; the blast came, but after it, to his astonishment, came a frightful roaring sound issuing from the mouth of the hole, accompanied by a strong odor, although nothing could be seen. This continued day and night until the neighbors became alarmed and called for an investigation. Some one suggested that it might be gas and to prove it a lighted match was held over the drill. Instantly a lowering flame shot up and continued to burn in spite of all efforts to extinguish it, for weeks and months. Finally a gas expert was summoned, and he, by introducing pipes containing valves into the drill below the surface of the earth, contrived to shut off the supply of gas from the flames, and so succeeded in extinguishing them and conducting the flow of gas into reservoirs that it might be utilized. It is needless to say that its owner soon became a rich man."

J. D. SALTS, JR., Bois D'Arc, Mo.

Joseph Bell, of Tipton, West Virginia, sends me a story of pioneer history of his state, for which I thank him, but cannot use it as it is not in line with the contributions for this page.

There, for a hot month I think we have accomplished a good deal of reading and thinking, and it is quite time for us to say good by and scatter for another four weeks.

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Turn 1901 upside down and you have 1061, the year in which Edward the Confessor reigned in England. The Edward who reigns in 1901 can hardly merit the title but it is safe to surmise that the year might be upside down if this Edward should confess.

The "Autos" and "Locos" and all other forms of horseless carriages were thought of before the steam locomotive was placed on iron rails. When MacAdam invented the excellent system of road making that we term "macadam," the suggestion was instantly made that steam should be applied to the movement of carriages over these hard roadbeds. The locomotive was invented but rails were put into immediate use. Had the inventors held to their first demand, automobiles and good roads would long ago have been common.

The Western lawmakers who tried to put a tax on bachelors were evidently not up in their little book of statistics. The population of America is about one-hundred and two millions and there are one million more men than women. If the first year's tax could be spent in moving the population so that the million excess could be sprinkled around places like Boston the necessity of legislation might cease. The poor bachelors should be canonized instead of taxed. Self sacrificing saints, unwilling to deprive others of the "felicity of unbounded domesticity."

The purchase of a great steamship line by an American capitalist has drawn public attention to one peculiarity of our navigation laws. The Leyland line consists of British built ships. Although they are now owned by an American they can not sail under the American flag. Only ships built in this country have that privilege. Aside from the commercial advantage, the American nation has a pride in the number of ships sailing under its flag. If they are owned in America why will not America own them?

The recent meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute of London furnished an ironical commenting on the old phrase that the mills of the gods grind slowly but they grind exceeding small. Less than two hundred years have passed since the time when the manufacture of even a nail was forbidden by England to the American Colonies. At this meeting Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Garret of Ohio told the British ironmen why it was that England had lost her supremacy in steel and iron. "Lack of progress in manufacturing methods" was the reason given. Then—they were advised to copy American methods.

July is not the proper month in which to discuss the "strenuous life." All the same the Fourth of this month develops each year along that line. The rebellious overgrown son who declared his independence of parental control in July, 1776, has become the thoughtful parent of colonies of his own in 1901. The Supreme Court has fixed the standing of the Philippines and Porto Rico and also declared the right of Congress to legislate for these colonies. This Fourth is a little different from all its predecessors. The study of the Declaration of Independence will freshen our memories as to what constitutes injustice to colonies.

During the nineteenth century there were twenty-three great shipwrecks with a loss of 7,642 lives. The disaster to the Bourgogne resulted in an offer by the heirs of one of the

victims of a prize of \$10,000 "for the best appliance for saving life, in case of maritime disaster." The larger number of the devices offered in competition were designed to prevent collision. The twentieth century will show a small death rate through accidents at sea. The recent statistics would seem to show that the trolley cars are responsible for an undue proportion of accidental deaths. Accidents to these cars are becoming alarmingly frequent and public opinion is being roused as to some means of enforcing a larger degree of care and responsibility upon companies.

Our trains that move across the continent have long been regarded as models of luxury. Russia can out-distance us both as to luxury of train equipment and length of run. The journey from Moscow to Port Arthur, over the new Trans-Siberian railroad will require thirteen days. All the luxuries of the best modern hotels, from electric lights, hot water heating and porcelain bath tubs, to piano, library, etc., etc., are to be found upon this train. The compartments in the first-class carriages are tiny parlors complete from reading lamp to couches. This model of luxury is to sweep eastward over the awful plains that have been trodden by the weary feet of the political exiles. The contrast between one of the convict marches with all the heart-sickening misery of which Kennan and Tolstoi have told and the regal luxury of these new trains is essentially Russian.

One of the most important of the many conferences held at Buffalo was the tax conference. The history of nations proves that half the wars of the world have had their origin in the abuse of the power of taxation. It lies at the root of government. Our government has the power to tax directly but has never resorted to internal taxation except in times of war. The states come the closest to the people in the exercise of this power. The legislatures of the states are constantly experimenting with laws directed toward equalizing the burdens of taxation. A large number of states are instituting State Boards of Taxation whose duty is to examine and pass upon all appeals from the estimates of local assessors. The great questions of what property or wealth should be taxed are constantly being agitated. The discussion involves intricate financial questions and demands expert knowledge. It is conceded that the owners of real estate, and especially the farmers, bear an unjust proportion of the taxes. Such conferences as that at Buffalo cannot fail to throw light upon the subject. In itself it is one of the most pressing problems of the day and the one that most directly concerns the welfare of the citizen.

The question of the manner of electing United States Senators is one of the most important issues before the people. When the Constitution was framed, the state idea was still dominant in the minds of the people. The power, prestige and autonomy of the state were jealously guarded. The Senate was instituted as part of a compromise that gave the small states equal power with the large states. For that reason each state is entitled to two senators and these are elected not by the people directly but by the legislatures of the states, thereby enforcing the idea that the state is the unit of representation in the senate. The troubles arising over the election of senators in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Montana have drawn attention to this subject and created a desire for a change in the method. The contest in South Carolina whose two senators have resigned their positions and appealed directly to the people for endorsement is but another illustration of the idea that the people directly should choose their senators. The powers and limitations of the state have been clearly defined by more than a century of constitutional interpretation. The senators can and will represent the state but each citizen should have the privilege that the citizens of South Carolina have had thrust upon them, they should vote directly for United States senators. In that case no states would be deprived of representations through the failure of the legislature to elect, nor would senators demand or pursue the unprecedented course that is agitating South Carolina.

The relation of Federal government to the states is an interesting as well as an intricate subject. The United States leaves to the states the power of fixing the legal qualifications of a voter. It makes but one demand which is that the states shall not abridge the suffrage on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. A state may fix any qualification as the price of the privilege of voting—that is any qualification that does not set aside this one requirement of the fifteenth amendment. The Southern states are rapidly passing laws that fix an educational qualification for the suffrage. The states of Massachusetts and Connecticut have long had such a requirement. In itself it is a perfectly constitutional use of the state's power to fix the legal qualification of its voters. Some of the Southern states have, however, demanded that the educational qualification should extend to those whose ancestors could read and write previous to the Civil War. This disfranchises almost the entire colored population and reduces the voting population by over one half. It is for the Supreme Court to decide whether or no such demands are not a violation of the fifteenth amendment. The state of Maryland has recently passed a new suffrage law which is clearly constitutional. It requires the voter to place a cross opposite the name of the candidate he votes for and forbids the use of any party emblem on a ticket. This only demands an ability to read names and does not compare with the educational test sometimes given, requiring voters to read and explain a clause in the constitution. The point is raised that the representation of the states that are disfranchising voters should be lessened in the new apportionments of representatives. The question is of vital importance as no one can vote for Federal officers, President, Vice-President or representatives who can not vote in the states. It means that many people are subject to direct taxation by the United States who are not represented. The old principle for which

Americans have fought, namely that taxation and representation go hand in hand, is in danger. The question is one of grave significance.

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3. And when day was o - ver we gath - ered to rest From

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loco.



rol - lick-ing, fro - lick-ing child-hood; . Our hearts were as pure as the li - ly - white snow, That cov - ered the leaves of the wild - wood. I
cher - ries and ber - ries for sis - ter; . I see her fall out of the cher - ry - tree yet, Her bru - es were healed when I kiss'd her. When
la - bor, it may be, or play-ing; . Dear fa - ther would read from the book he lov'd best, We knelt with him while he was pray - ing. The



see the dear home - stead, the old wa - ter - mill, The mea - dow - lark, rob - in, and swal - low; The lit - tle whiteschool-house that stood on the hill, The
I lost my jack-knife, she said she would tell, I said "I won't play if you do so;" Then sis - ter's rag dol - ly fell in - to the well, But
mead - ow lark sings to his mate and the young, The night - in - gale sings to the wild-wood; But sweet - est of all are the songs that were sung By



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da - sies that grew in the hol - low. On the gar - den gate we're swing-ing, . . In the trees the birds are sing-ing; . . Red ber - ries
I nev - er told of it you know.
moth - er, to me, in my child - hood.



sweet for us to eat, From the gar - den moth - er's bring - ing. Thro' the mead - ow green with clo - ver, . . We ram - ble now with Ro - ver; . . Who



would not give the world to live Dear child - hood days all o - ver?



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time as national characteristics are distinctly marked and strong enough to dominate. At present the German-American composes in a German style and the Italian-American in the Italian, but soon the day will arrive when the strong, keen, active American will devote time, intellect and taste to this art, and then the old world will look to the new for music, as today she looks for inventions, labor-saving machinery and many other things.

It is sometimes a question which will show the greater number of victims, credulity or incredulity. No one believed Galileo, or, indeed, any other great inventor; while, on the contrary, millions believe in absurd superstitions and transparent fabrications. The only real guide to the judgment is unprejudiced investigation. Lovers of good music investigate the wonderful music offer on another page. Neither rich nor poor, believers nor unbelievers, can

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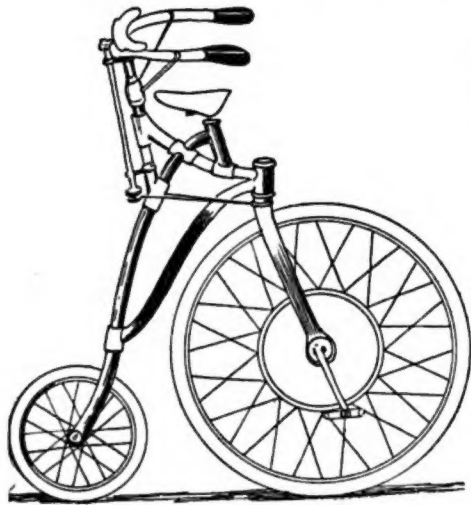
ONE of the young Vanderbilts is having built a new automobile which will go ahead of everything the world has yet seen either in autos or bikes. It will have a speed of seventy-five miles per hour, and will cost 60,000 francs. It will have to have a wind guard, for no driver would be willing to face the wind at such a speed—that is a speed greater than that of an express train—without some adequate protection. The horse-power of the former Vanderbilt flyer is thirty-three, and its speed is fifty-five miles per hour.

Some people think an automobile expensive but when the cost of keeping a horse in the city is figured up, "the auto"—even at \$1,000 is the cheaper in the long run. The expense of repairing is nothing compared to the expense of a horse, but do not think when you see your neighbor whirling down the street that he has no troubles of his own; but if he be level and clear headed he can readily overcome them. Electrical carriages are for the city, and may be best taken charge of by some company. Their batteries need constant care to see if the plates need renewing or the contacts need fixing.

The hydro-carbon explosion engine is very inexpensive to operate, but the Americans do not take kindly to it. The vibration, the noise and the odor are all distasteful. Yet this wagon will run further for a lower figure, start promptly and require less care than any other form. The noise, however, is especially objectionable to horses, and many owners do not like to operate it on that account.

And yet, when you buy an automobile, you are, by no means, done with the expense of it.

The motor wagon, no matter of what description, must be handled with care. Each nut on the frame should be tried occasionally to see if it has started. If so it should be tightened, but should not be forced beyond an easy lock, as it may start the head off. The bolts holding the springs should not be forced too tight. The springs are constantly working, and if these bolts are forced home they will only squeeze the washers and loosen again. The wheels must be kept dry or the iron will rust under the nickle and trouble will result. A little kerosene occasionally will prevent rust. These wagons should not be closed in a small stable to steam and saturate the air and cause rust. Air the place well to take off the dampness contained in the air coming from the water and steam. Take off the wheels occasionally and wipe off the bearings and balls. Fill with vaseline and adjust carefully again. It will pay to do this once in every four hundred miles; oftener if you hear a click in the wheels, for then a ball is broken and needs replacing be-



FOR DIGNIFIED RIDERS.

fore it tears the bearings. The vaseline is not put in to lubricate the wheels; that is against the principle of the ball-bearing, for it must necessarily retard the wheels. It is put in to force out grit and dirt that may lodge there. It will keep a bearing from being ground by grit and dirt.

It is always advisable to keep the tires pumped hard on the driving wheels, or the twist given them by the power applied will surely wear the tire against the steel rim and cause rim cuts. The nuts holding the tire place should always be tight, for if a tire slips it will wear out the more readily. The front wheels need not be too hard; they ride more easily if not hard; yet do not have them too soft, or the same trouble will result as with the rear wheels.

Car tracks should be avoided. The makers claim that running over them does not injure the tire, but experience has been that they have a most unwholesome effect. The steering device must be kept in good condition. Not much trouble will be experienced from this, but the nuts and bolts should be inspected occasionally and the gear oiled. The equalizing gear is more or less exposed, but will not pick up much dirt on account of its location. It should be washed out with kerosene and oiled when necessary. It will not need this treatment often. The brake operates on the circumference of the sprocket wheel. This is a most excellent device, but will occasionally get dry and clatter, much to the discomfort of horses.

Do not use the brake going backward, as it will bend if you do, and cause much annoyance by its ceaseless clatter. You can use your reversing lever and turn it half over if you must, but unless you are experimenting you will not be caught in a position where you will have to use the brake for the backward motion. Put a little dry graphite on your brake shoe, so it will

not clatter. Do not use enough to make it slip. If you should be coasting without steam and find your brake does not work, do not get excited. Reverse your engine slowly, and you will find an end to your trouble. The chain should be kept tight as a loose one will click at every change of speed, and will break on the slightest provocation if it does not jump the sprocket. If it sticks in the gearing, there is no danger of the wagon running away.

There is a lieutenant of the Brighton, Mass., police who uses a locomobile and keeps it in a house about fourteen feet square, at the rear of the lieutenant's lot, at the end of the driveway, with its hard pine floor about on a level with the ground. It is of wood, shingled, and its small sliding doors are as carefully made and hung as if they were for a carriage house of a millionaire. If you push them open, you will find the carriage jacked up on wooden crickets, so that the long-continued standing on one point of the pneumatic tires shall not flatten them. You note two windows letting in light and sunshine at the right of the carriage while on your left is a third window, giving the lieutenant what he wants, more light on the workbench which extends on the left side of the house from the front door to the wall of the four by five closets in the rear corner. A chestful of tools is under the bench, while shelves and boxes around and over it hold bolts and screws and various odds and ends which may come in handy some day. The closet is used for the carriage robes, caps and coats—though in one corner is a very important bit of furniture in the shape of a soft bed for McGinty, the great, good-natured, appreciative Maltese cat, which is the lieutenant's constant companion, as he works around the bench or the carriage.

Underneath the vehicle a large drip-pan catches the grease and gasoline that may come from the tank or engine while the carriage is idle; and a drain in the middle of the slightly sloping floor carries off what water there is to be got rid of when the carriage is being sponged off after a run. Six inches from the drain a small plug is set in the floor. Its use does not appear at first glance but it is a part of an ingenious scheme for "blowing off" the engine indoors without filling the little house with steam. If the lieutenant wishes to run the vehicle into the house before blowing off, he gets the carriage into its place, takes a five foot length of hose down from a hook over the bench, attaches one end to the valve on the carriage, sets the other securely into the plug in the floor, and "lets her go." The steam blows off into a pipe running under the floor from the plug to the outer side of the foundation sill, and is as completely outdoors as if the carriage had been left to blow off in the yard.

This is a distinct improvement over the method found necessary even in some automobile stations, where the repairer is obliged to lie flat on his back and work on the engine in that position as the carriage stands on the floor.

As the locomobile is a carriage which has to be started with an artificially heated torch, the lieutenant has put in a small kerosene heater, which stands on his work bench and not only gives heat enough to warm the house in winter, but also heats the torch in four or five minutes without requiring to be watched or manipulated. He keeps his supply of gasoline in cans placed in a wooden box or cupboard at the rear of the lot, outdoors, away from the buildings. The lieutenant has had his carriage only about a year, but has run it over two thousand miles.

Electric delivery wagons similar to those used by many dry goods and department stores in our cities, cost about \$3,000, but are considered by the shrewd and enterprising merchant as more economical than horses and wagons—considering the saving in feed, help-hire and time.

The auto and the locomobile are getting down to such low figures now, however, that it will not be long before the older bicycle enthusiasts will graduate entirely from the wheel to the "elephant on doughnuts" as the Irishman called it.

In bicycles there are some novelties this year. Mr. John C. Hehr of Brooklyn, N. J., has designed a wheel to fit cyclists who wish to keep a dignified position. It will, at least, be an effectual preventive of "scorching". We give an illustration. With this new vehicle there is no chain for connecting the sprocket wheels, but the power is transmitted to the driving wheel by means of a train of gears contained in the casing surrounding the crank axle. The steering is accomplished by means of a rack and pinion attached to the handle bar and steering post respectively, a turn of the handle bar a short distance in either direction rotating the post and pulling the steering wheel around by actuating the two rods which lead from the post to the steering head. The handle bar also serves as a rest for the back, and in case of an accident the rider would be thrown clear of the wheel, as there is nothing to obstruct his legs or body. The machine is also made in tricycle form, with a short shaft supporting two small wheels at the rear of the steering and driving wheel.

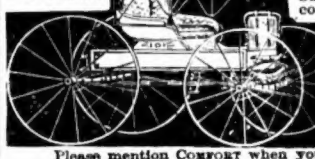
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Eggs Laid by Reptiles.

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QUITE an interesting collection of reptiles' eggs is preserved at the National Museum in Washington, though they are not placed on exhibition. Among them are some alligators' eggs, as well as eggs laid by the American crocodile. There are true crocodiles in Florida, though only a very few in number, and they are distinguished from the comparative-

ly-common alligator by the shape of their heads chiefly. But all alligators' eggs and crocodiles' eggs are pretty much alike, being about the size of a goose-egg and with a hard shell. Most people would mistake them for goose-eggs, though it might be a painful surprise to mother goose who should find herself the seeming parent of a brood of newly-hatched alligators.

Crocodiles, and alligators likewise, breed in spring, the female building on a sheltered bank a small mound composed of layers of mud and grass, between the successive strata of which she deposits a series of layers of eggs, 100 or 200 in all. After a while the eggs are hatched by the sun, helped by the heat of the decomposing vegetable matter, and, as soon as they are hatched, the infant saurians scramble for the water, led by their mother, who shows much devotion toward them. The male, on the other hand, is said to eat his offspring when he gets a chance, and wading birds, such as herons, as well as fishes and turtles, eagerly gobble them. Recently, by the way, many alligators' eggs have been hatched artificially in Jacksonville, Fla., by placing them in boxes of sand and exposing the latter to the sun. Once out of their shells, the baby reptiles are promptly killed and stuffed for sale to tourists, or else are sold alive for 25 cents apiece.

Turtles' eggs, of course, vary in size with the dimensions of the animal, but by far the biggest known are those of the famous Galapagos land tortoise, now nearly extinct, some of them being as large as billiard-balls. It is said that

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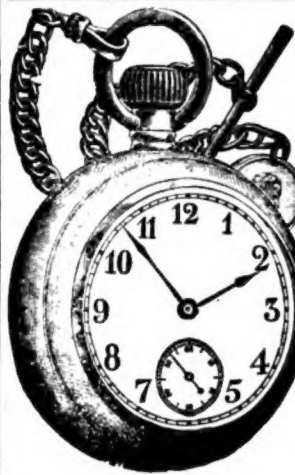
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Nothing is more suitable for warm weather, either for shirt waists to be worn with heavy linen or cloth skirts, or for whole dresses.

"The art of laundering such materials so they will look like new goods is not a difficult one to acquire, and as more care is needed than the average washerwoman is apt to bestow, it is better to do the work at home. Vigorous rubbing is not needed and will soon make them look old and faded. Put warm, soft water in a tub, add a tablespoonful of powdered borax to every bucketful, and rub enough soap in it to make a good suds. Wash the garments until clean without rubbing any soap directly upon them. Nothing is so good for cleaning such fabrics as borax, since it does not fade the delicate colors. Rinse in warm water. Prepare a thin boiled starch, dip the pieces in it and hang them up in the shade to dry. A brisk wind is liable to tear them, and long exposure to sunshine will fade them.

"Dampen and roll the garments two or three hours before ironing them. Embroidery should be carefully straightened out and ironed on the wrong side. Keep a dish of clean cold water and a soft sponge or piece of linen near at hand so that any spots that are too dry may be dampened before ironing. Some materials look better when

On the evening of the party every cake in the cook book turned out in honor of the occasion. There was bride cake in a charming white dress with veil and orange flowers. Pancake wore a number of wee cooking implements as a fringe to her gown. Drop cake wore a necklace of cough drops strung together to represent gems. Angel cake appeared to float into the room by means of her feathery tissue paper wings. Plum cake carried a plumb line. White Mountain cake wore, pinned to her gown, a book of views taken in the White Mountains. Cinnamon bun carried a box of cinnamon and a bath bun in her hands. Minute cake came with a large clock face drawn upon paper, covering the front of her bodice. Corn cake created a laugh by donning a hideous corn cure advertisement. A picture of the hen, the best layer on record, stood for Layer cake. A coffee pot in one hand and a cup in the other distinguished Coffee cake very ingeniously. One gentleman, who appeared ludicrously arrayed in a flannel nightcap, was discovered to be Flannel cake. And so the merry list went on.

No cake revealed its identity on first arriving, but was particularly asked to keep this secret. Every member of the company received pencil and paper, with a request to write down the names of the cakes he recognized. This merry guessing required fully two hours, during which ice cream in all popular flavors was passed upon a tray by a maid.

At the end of the allotted time each cake delivered up to the hostess a list of the other cakes present. These lists were carefully read and compared by the mistress of ceremonies.

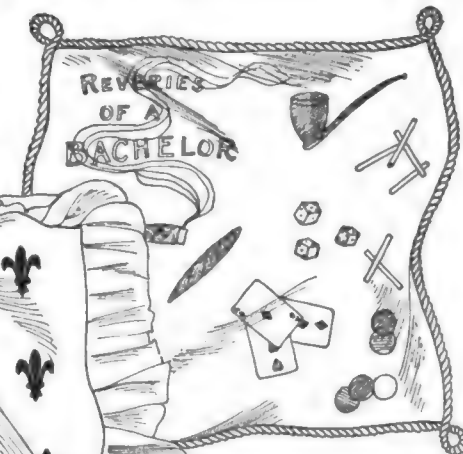
There were two prizes. In the case of the lady's reward took the form of a dainty cookbook containing recipes for cakes only. The lucky gentleman was given a handsome silver cake knife.

More ice cream and cake followed, after which the hostess called upon her guests to pair off for a "cake walk."

Three times the paired couples circled the room, each couple endeavoring to outdo the other in ostentatious parade. Three judges appointed from the household circle watched the performance and decided the award of the prize—a handsome fruit cake covered and decorated with chocolate icing.

Each member of the party who failed to distinguish himself by receiving a prize was given, as a consolation, a gingerbread man with features formed of cloves and other spices.

Referring to our illustration of sofa pillows, those most in vogue now are made of heavy



cotton fabric, rather than silk. Some very brilliant and handsome ones of red embroidered in black silk with a little gold thread are

shown in the shops. The designs are of the fleur-de-lis, scrolls and ribbon effects, and heads of animals and birds. The cord and tassels used are of black silk, and the cushions are very effective when scattered among more delicate shades.

Then the "Gibson" pillow is much seen. If one is able to copy Gibson's pictures in pen and ink onto a gray, tan or white linen, the effect is very good. The picture may be left in pen and ink, or may be outlined in fine black silk. These Gibson pillows are also shown in plain covers of dark strong tones, and are printed on in colors.

Feathers and down are expensive, but if you know a bank where the cat-tail grows you can have down pillows galore for the mere making. You must know that the fluff of the ripe cat-tail, which may be gathered in August, makes a pillow equalled only by down itself. So be provident this year, and if you live near a lake or pond, get a harvest of cat-tails for future use. You will find them the most inexpensive and satisfactory material you can employ for the purpose.

If it should be your fate to live in a section of the country where cat-tails do not grow, then substitute the silk from milkweed pods. Gather the pods in the fall of the year, hang them away in paper bags to dry, and they will burst open before the winter is over and can be made up into pillows in the early spring.

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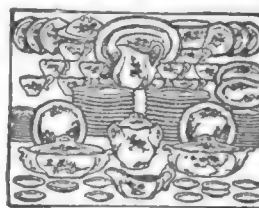
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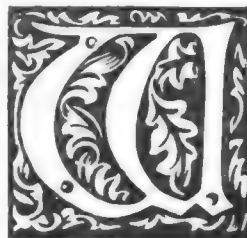
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Philanthropies of 1900.

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HEN war, famine and disaster have made up so large a part of the record of 1900, it is with more than ordinary pleasure that we learn of the philanthropies which have been inaugurated and carried steadily forward during the year.

One of the most touching and beautiful of these is the "blind hour," in the Congressional library at Washington. There are in this magnificent library, quite a collection of books for the blind, and this department has a fairly large number of patrons; but it is obviously impossible to supply these readers with current literature, or with any large number of standard works, owing to the great expense of making the books with raised letters. But it occurred to some one that the blind could be read to, and out of that thought grew the reading hour for the blind in the room set apart for their use. Prominent people have given their time gladly, authors, professional people, all respond readily to the invitation to read for an hour; and once a week, regularly, the blind come in increasing numbers, to hear what they cannot read for themselves.

This charity might be extended to other cities, even those whose libraries held no regular department for the blind. The need of the reading hour would be the greater where there were no books for the blind.

Another beautiful philanthropy is the establishment of "Holiday House" near Long Island Sound, by the Little Mothers' Aid Association, New York. A roomy old mansion with extensive grounds was secured and fitted up for the delight of the "little mothers" of the great city. These children, who are too young to earn money themselves, and are therefore left at home to care for the smaller children while their parents are away at work, are, through the aid of the Association, given a day of perfect happiness and freedom at Holiday House. The Association arranges for the care of the younger children and takes the little mother off for a day of the keenest delight. When possible the child is kept for several days, during which time she is taught useful lessons in cooking or sewing, made tempting by interspersed romps on the sandy beach, baths in the surf and the many delights of the spacious grounds surrounding the fine old mansion.

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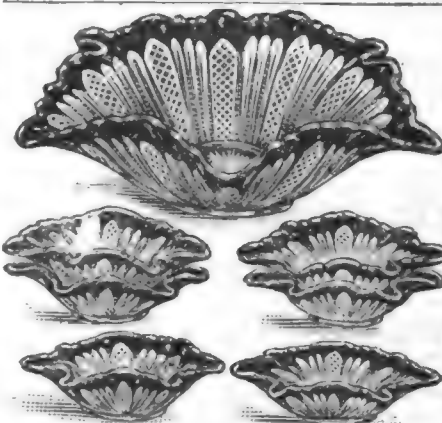
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THE salad recipes seem to be more popular with our readers than any others—at any rate, we are continually asked to give new ones, and thanked for "past favors"—so, as this the season for such dishes, we will give a few that will, we trust, give the readers some fresh ideas, particularly in garnishing.

The recipes for French and mayonnaise dressing have been given so often that we are sure all our readers must be familiar with them, so we will give only the one green mayonnaise, which differs slightly from the usual recipe.

SALAD CHIFFONADE.

A salad chiffonade is usually a salad of fine shredded materials of several salad plants.

Cut peeled tomatoes in slices, and then in shreds. Cut a head of lettuce in shreds, the light and dark green leaves separately. Cut the whites of two hard boiled eggs in shreds. Dress each separately in French dressing. Arrange artistically according to color, on a large flat glass dish.

HINDOO SALAD.

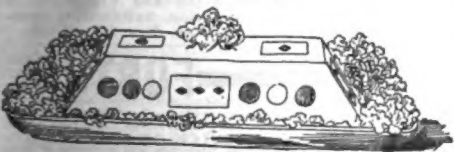
Arrange 4 slices of tomato on a bed of shredded lettuce; on 2 of the slices pile shaved celery, on the remaining slices finely-cut water-cress. Garnish with small pieces of tomato and serve with a French dressing.

TOMATO AND CUCUMBER SALAD.

Arrange alternate slices of tomato and cucumber until 6 slices of tomato and cucumber have been piled one on top of another; arrange on lettuce leaves, and garnish with strips of red and green peppers. Remove seeds from peppers and parboil 1 minute before using. Serve with French and mayonnaise dressing.

MONTE CARLO SALAD.

Remove pulp from grape-fruit, add an equal amount of finely-chopped celery, and apple cut



MONTE CARLO SALAD.

in small pieces. Mix with mayonnaise, mask with mayonnaise and garnish with cooked carrot cut in shapes, and truffles. This is a very decorative salad, for serving at the table. It is named from the use of the similes of cards and chips. The mound is covered, after being shaped, with a thin layer of mayonnaise, put on with a knife, as one puts frosting on a cake. Then with a spoon, or a very fine pointed tip to the pastry bag outline cards with green mayonnaise—two on the top and one on each side—putting on diamonds or hearts cut from beets, to show the spots on the cards. Then from beets and white turnips cut dice to resemble poker chips, and stick onto the sides. Garnish around edge of serving dish with parsley.

FRENCH DRESSING.

Mix 3-4 teaspoon salt, 1-8 teaspoon paprika, 2 tablespoons lemon juice and 4 tablespoons olive oil.

TOMATO AND LETTUCE SALAD.

Peel and chill tomatoes. Then cut each, from the top nearly to the bottom, in thin strips, so it may be easily eaten with a fork—which is a difficult thing to do when a tomato is served whole. Place the tomato so cut—but which keeps in good shape because cut only about two-thirds of the way down—on a bed of crisp lettuce leaves; pour over all a small amount of French dressing and serve individually.

TOMATOES STUFFED WITH NUTS AND CELERY. Peel and chill tomatoes. Cut out a circular piece at stem end and scoop out the inside, leaving cups. Fill with broken nut meats and celery cut in small pieces, mixed with mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce.

COWSLIP AND CREAM CHEESE SALAD.

Cook cowslip leaves until tender in salted water. Chop fine, season with salt and paprika and press into a mound; set aside to chill; slice cold cream cheese and arrange around the mound of greens and serve with either French or mayonnaise dressing.

SHRIMP SALAD.

Pare cucumbers and cut them in halves lengthwise; remove the seeds and steam until tender; chill and arrange on lettuce leaves. Clean and marinate shrimp, mix with mayonnaise and place in the cucumber shells, placed



GRAPE FRUIT AND PEPPER SALAD.

in the center of a platter, with the lettuce and steamed seeds around the edge. Decorate with whole shrimps.

PEPPER AND GRAPE-FRUIT SALAD.

Remove the tops from 6 green peppers, take out seeds and refill with grape-fruit pulp, finely-cut celery and English walnut meats. Use 1-2 as much celery as grape-fruit, 3 halves of walnut meats and if liked 1-2 teaspoon finely-chopped green pepper to each serve. Arrange on chicory or lettuce leaves and serve with

GREEN MAYONNAISE.

Mix one teaspoon each of mustard, salt and powdered sugar, add a few grains cayenne, the yolks of 2 eggs and 1-2 teaspoon vinegar. Add very gradually 1-1-2 cups olive oil; as mixture thickens dilute with vinegar and lemon juice, adding in all 2 tablespoons. To 1-2 this amount add 1-4 cup heavy cream beaten stiff, and color green.

MARGUERITE SALAD.

Arrange cress on serving dish; in the centre arrange whites of hard boiled eggs cut in eights lengthwise, to look like the petals of a daisy, and sift the yolks into the centre. When ready to serve sprinkle with French dressing.

COUNTRY SALAD.

Cut cold boiled corned beef into thin strips and pile in center of serving dish. Put a row of sliced cold boiled potato around the mound. About this put a ring of celery cut fine; then cooked carrot and turnip cut in straws. Garnish with parsley and pickles cut in fan shapes. Serve with additional dressing.

PEACH SALAD.

Cut ripe peaches into quarters, after having removed skins. Cover with champagne, chill thoroughly and sprinkle with rose leaves. Serve at once.

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Sweet Brier, Idaho.—Ignore the young man who ignores you, of course. And also the young lady he goes with. (2) Girls of eighteen do have beaux, tho' I think it is too young. (3) Girls of seventeen may go walking with bachelors if chaperoned. (4) It is not proper for a young man to help you up a hill by putting his arm around you, tho' he would likely tell you it was. (5) A young man should not kiss you good night unless engaged to you.

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Pansy, Sunnyside, Ills.—It is not so much that the man is divorced, as that you are but sixteen. Wait five years. There are worse men than divorced men. (2) A man of forty-five is old enough to tell a girl of fifteen that there is too wide a difference in their ages.

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Butts, Yonkers, N. Y.—The man at thirty-five is not too old, but you at eighteen are. Wait till you are twenty, then it will be all right. If you love the man, and he is worthy, that is enough. (2) Put something bitter on your nails to remind you of your habit, and then exercise your power, and don't bite. (3) Of course you can board at the same place the man does, but people may make remarks.

Buttercup, Washteno, Wash.—Yes, dear, try to make him a Christian, too, but don't think of marrying him for at least five years. Mind your parents.

Daisy, Olympia, N. C.—Don't encourage the young man if you do not love him. That is dishonest and dishonorable.

Pearl, Kennard, Ind.—Why does a school girl, like you are, talk to me about loving a young man to desperation and say: "I have went with him for over a year!" If your love is as poor as your grammar, I am sorry for the young man.

Rosebud, Bennett, Pa.—Pretzel comes originally from the Latin word *bracellus*, meaning a bracelet, referring to the form of the pretzel. (2) Your questions about love are too silly to be answered.

Blue Eyes, Doalthen, Ala.—I do not want to shake your faith in the young man who has been so kind and good, for he may really be sincere, but I hardly think his advice which permits so many familiarities is either safe or good. A certain latitude is allowed engaged couples, but a man to whom you are not engaged can hardly respect you if you permit him to kiss and caress you. "Hands off" is an excellent rule to observe.

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Nancy Hanks, Roscommen, Mich.—Don't worry about the young man until you are twenty-one years old. If he doesn't tell you in five years that he loves you, the chances are that he does not. If he does not, why should you want to love him?

Alice, Rock Falls, Ills.—It would be a wise thing for a girl to tell her mother everything "a fellow says while he is with her." (2) Of course it does a girl "any particular good" to graduate. It shows she has brains and application sufficient to have conquered the course, if nothing else. (3) Girls may go to a dance without male escort, if chaperoned.

Rose and Violet, Camas, Ore.—If at all, very, very softly.

Schoolgirl, Circleville, Ohio.—Doesn't anybody in Circleville, an Ohio town, know who are in Mr. McKinley's cabinet? Ask your Postmaster. If he can not tell you, he ought to be removed.

Golden Rod, Knox, Maine.—It is not good form to chew gum in company. (2) It is worse then rude for young ladies to flirt with men. (3) Unless the young man is engaged to the girl she has no more claim on him than the other girls of his acquaintance. (4) A home wedding is more private than a church wedding, but no more "refined," I should say.

Lol, Buffalo, N. Y.—Goodness knows if you and your sweetheart quarrel now, what you will do when you are married. Better not marry. (2) How can a man dine with his *fauces* before he is engaged to her? Isn't your French rather defective?

May, Riverdale, Pa.—Serve it on the same plate with the cream, or in separate dishes as you please. (2) Suggest an evening when you will be at home to receive the caller; that is the correct thing. (3) Offer the young man such refreshments as are most convenient. Cake, fruit, lemonade, cider,—anything most, that is edible.

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Belle, Palace, Ky.—Yes, you may go to church with him, and leave the family at home. (2) You will find all the abbreviations in the back part of any dictionary. If you have none, buy one, at once.

Knowledge, St. Joseph, Mo.—Your writing is very neat, but much too small. The big round hand is better.

Country Cousin, May Flower, Ont.—First cousins' children are legally no relation to each other, it not being legal for cousins to marry. (2) Apply to the foreman of the printing office. Writers should apply to the editor.

Elva, Potrero, Cal.—"Thank you" is enough. (2) It depends on the man.

Sun and Moon, Cameron, Texas.—You are too young to be asking about the boys. Keep to your school books.

Bluebell, Charleston, Mo.—Choose the one you love best. (2) Stop at your mother-in-law's, of course. (3) Ask the caller to go to church with you and your mother.

Butler, Campton, Ky.—Call men "Mr." unless of long acquaintance. (2) Let him take care of his hat, or show him where to put it. (3) The man helps the lady put on her wrap. (4) Talking at the gate is permissible for a time. Ask the man in, if it is not late.

Trixy, Rush Run, Ohio.—You should not only be scolded, but well spanked.

Languish, Berlin, N. D.—Answer to Trixy above applies to you.

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Lilac, Galloway, Ark.—Moles need a physician's care. (2) Lemon juice is good for freckles.

May Apple, Lowell, Kans.—Treat him as if nothing had happened. (2) No. (3) There is no gaining him back again. Let him go. (4) One girl at a time is enough.

Wayne Adair, Greeley, Kans.—Let your parents read the letters you receive from the young men. (2) A girl of sixteen should be old enough to try for a certificate, but she is most too young to teach. (3) Let the man see you like him, but not too much. (4) Though engaged you should be allowed to accept ordinary attentions from men, as your fiancé does not live in your town.

Amanda, Altoona, Pa.—Go out with the man you like until the other takes the hint and stays away.

June Bride, Nevada, Mo.—Marry him on six dollars a week, if you have money enough to support you both. (2) An engaged man should call oftener than once every day and twice Sunday, if he has nothing else to do. (3) Can't tell till later. (4) A good remedy to keep hands clean in winter or summer is to wash them.

Eveline, Washburn, Wis.—Study your books, not your handsome young school teacher. You don't want to be silly, do you?

Curly Locks, Tallapoosa, Ga.—It would be all right if your people knew of it.

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THE Lunation or New Moon this month occurs at about twenty minutes past three o'clock in the morning of the 14th of August, Washington Mean Time. A figure of the heavens erected for that time at the seat of government of the United States, shows the 28th degree of the sign Cancer just rising and the 14th degree of the sign Aries on the south meridian. Mercury is just below the horizon in the beginning of the sign Leo; the conjoined luminaries, Sun and Moon, are on the cusp of the second house or house of the nation's treasury; Venus is in the 3rd house in the sign Virgo; Mars is in the 4th house about to pass the lower meridian; Herschel is in the 6th; Saturn and Jupiter are in the 6th; and Neptune is in the 12th house and the only heavenly body above the horizon. There is little, if anything, disquieting in the promises of the figure and there are many benevolent testimonies, though of a somewhat minor character, which give us assurance of continued prosperity for our nation and the healthfulness and advantages of the masses of our people. The harmony that exists between the rulers of the important angles of the figure is testimony of sympathy and agreement between our governing authorities and the governed—harmony between ruler and people. Mercury traveling at a rapid pace in the ascendant points to a successful advocacy of the rights of the common people and agreements between capital and labor such as increase the benefits and advantages of the people. Venus in the 3rd points to much merrymaking and frequent short journeys for pleasure of the masses. She gives a vigorous and bountiful yield of crops maturing in the passing weeks, and healthful conditions generally for the farming communities. Mars gives us some scorching atmospheres with seasons of high winds, thunder showers and electrical phenomena also some unusual harm from forest and other fires. Our people are to be cautioned that intemperate gratifications in the good things of life will be peculiarly mischievous in this lunation and apoplexy and heart disease will prove unusually fatal under existing conditions in the lives of persons of wealth and station as well as those in other spheres of life who overstep the bounds of prudence. Herschel in the 5th in square with Venus is not promising for international games and sports and our sportsmen will need to look well to their laurels to hold their own in achievements.

The malefics are threatening to peace in China and though we may not as a nation be much affected by it there will probably be much disorder, if not bloodshed, in that country during July and August. Austria likewise seems to come in for her share of misfortune and there is likely to be trouble or illness in the reigning family. Mexico and our extreme southwestern regions are likely to become somewhat famous from discoveries of mining wealth or the development of petroleum deposits.

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1901.

AUGUST 1—Thursday. Hold fast to the pennies on this day, not venturing thy cash in any speculative enterprise; and make no contract concerning building or machinery. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday or if born about the first day of January, April, July, or October, of past years, see that no chances are taken of hurt or accidents from fire or animals and that desirable property is insured against loss from fire; be discreet in all business engagements and see that no litigation is begun at thy choosing.

2—Friday. Have care during the forenoon in all the elegant pursuits, especially if those pursuits are much concerned with the world of letters; literary efforts of a polite character are not as prolific of good as at most other times; during the middle and afternoon hours press all engagements pertaining to houses and lands or agricultural and mining products.

3—Saturday. Use this day vigorously for all commercial and mercantile contracts; press correspondence, execute writings, adjust accounts and employ the mind to its fullest extent with literary and intellectual matters; be careful of thy money engagements in the evening when thy purse will suffer needless depletion unless a healthy check is placed upon the inclinations.

4—Sunday. This day is depressing and more likely to be contentious as it advances; it offers little encouragement to the clergy and church matters are not favored.

5—Monday. Fairly good for the most of the affairs of life; though the afternoon should not be taken for any literary undertaking or travel; mental efforts are most productive of much good, and social engagements are more likely to be productive of mental disquietudes than satisfaction.

6—Tuesday. One of the choice days of the month to be improved to its fullest extent for the inauguration of new and important undertakings and for the advancement of matters of a political character; press all engagements with governing bodies, such as municipal or state authorities, or large organizations of men or corporations; institute; buy goods to sell again; conduct business pertaining to the fine arts and horticultural and decorative works; the evening is peculiarly good for social entertainments and temperate pleasure-seeking.

7—Wednesday. More caution should be exercised in the general affairs of life on this day, when new ventures should not be entered upon and the attention should rather be given to routine matters; do not bargain for real estate nor expect much progress in such things already in hand; sign no writings as surety and be prudent in expenditures.

8—Thursday. Push thy correspondence and all work pertaining to accounts in the commercial world; mathematical and scientific engagements are favored; social matters and the elegant pursuits are adversely affected for about forty-eight hours during which the fair sex should shun any matrimonial alliance; this is peculiarly true of the afternoon and evening of this day when elopements and hasty entanglements prove disastrous.

9—Friday. A vigorous and energetic day, full of hope and encouragement, especially for the classes of mankind engaged in the mechanical and manufacturing walks of life; deal in metals, chemicals, machinery, drugs, electrical goods, cutlery and hardware and urge thy ventures of such character.

10—Saturday. Crowd all thy general business during the forenoon, though do not make purchases for profit; the afternoon induces extravagance in dispensing thy means and threatens loss rather than financial gains.

11—Sunday. The mind turns too freely towards the pleasures of life and is likely to promote intemperate gratifications rather than religious discourse; quarrels and disagreements among lovers and the rupture of pleasant social relations will be marked during the passing hours; let all be prudent in associations and temperate in gratifications of all kinds.

12—Monday. Make no purchases of fancy goods in trade; expect to be baffled somewhat in thine engagements in the fine arts; have no dealings with banks or other classes of corporate bodies and give preference to all kinds of literary work and the dealing with persons

in literary callings; use the evening hours for mental efforts of consequence, especially such as concern inventions and ingenious undertakings; do correspondence and travel.

13—Tuesday. Seek favor at the hands of public authorities or in government matters; deal with the chemist and electrician, military commander, manufacturer, and railway official.

14—Wednesday. Continue thine efforts of yesterday. Seek advancement in the afternoon from thine employer or thy superior in authority, when also make purchase of goods for trade, and seek money accommodations.

15—Thursday. Make contracts during the forenoon and during the noon hours with reference to real estate and its improvements or the productions of mines and agriculture; shun association with the very aged in the evening.

16—Friday. Rise early and employ every moment of this day; deal particularly with persons employed in matters pertaining to amusements, wearing apparel and house furnishings or decorations; engage with thy tailor, dressmaker, or milliner and do all things requiring the exercise of special taste for best success; let the musician and artist improve the moments of this day to the utmost; buy fancy goods and fine wares. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday, the tender sentiments are likely to be pleasantly enlisted and agreeable advances in courtship or more enjoyable marital or social experiences come in these passing weeks.

17—Saturday. This day is exhaustive of the purse unless a healthy watchfulness is exercised; don't speculate nor risk thy means in new undertakings; particularly avoid any contract concerning lands or their products; do not expect any money favor or property advantage from any transaction in the evening with aged persons or those engaged in agricultural pursuits; do not deal in lumber, wood, petroleum, coal, or any other product of mines.

18—Sunday. The mind is active though inclined to dwell upon the peculiar and eccentric in literary productions; extemporaneous discourse from the pulpit will be full of original thought and peculiarity of expression.

19—Monday. Seek favor from thy superior in the morning and crowd all honorable business that has been already established but do not make any beginnings in matters of unusual consequence; buy only sparingly to replenish thy stock in trade in the afternoon; seek money favors in the evening.

20—Tuesday. Actively pursue thy several vocations during all this day, giving preference, however, to the middle hours for dealings in real estate, boots and shoes, wool, lead, coal, and all classes of building materials; seek favors from thy landlord and persons in great mining enterprises.

21—Wednesday. Defer matters of much importance on this day; do not sign writings or make engagements or contracts concerning money matters or matters of corporate stocks; do not deal with printers, booksellers, stationers, or persons generally employed with the pen, nor seek to make collections on accounts or notes.

22—Thursday. Improve this day for the elegant pursuits; attend to painting and all musical matters; purchase for use such articles as silks, fancy goods, and decorations; the day favors workers in wax, embroidery, milliners and dressmakers.

23—Friday. Generally a good day for the intellectual pursuits, for scientific and mathematical work but not for dealings with persons in public office or with large corporations; as the noon hours are passed let every energy be given to chemical work, manufacture and construction.

24—Saturday. Continue thine efforts of yesterday with increased vigor; the day is peculiarly fortunate for chemical experiments and for dealers in hardware, cutlery, firearms, metals, glassware, brass and iron work, and chemical and electrical apparatus, also for transactions with persons in the ingenious and mechanical trades.

25—Sunday. Unfavorable for church matters; the brain and nervous energies suffer; considerable detriment to literary pursuits will be considerably quickened for a short time; pulpits discourses will not give satisfaction, as depression will characterize the natural condition of the human mind for a short season and persons in literary callings generally have adverse experiences.

26—Monday. Due regard being had for naturally hasty impulses, the day is fair only for general routine work. Do not make any purchases of fancy or decorative goods or artistic materials; extravagance will be likely to manifest itself in the case of a bride upon her tongue; keep out of controversy and be deliberate and prudent in all acts.

27—Tuesday. Begin this day with the dawn for it is one of most excellent promise; bright and prosperous are the conditions for the merchant and traveler; the morning hours being among the very best for money dealings, the beginning of great and noble undertakings, for entering upon new business and for all classes of trade; also for carrying on literary pursuits and in all matters pertaining to books and writings, particularly if born about the 24th of April or 27th of August or October, of past years; do all important correspondence; let all engaged in the scientific pursuits be especially diligent at this time; prosecute mathematical studies, sign deeds, execute writings, and publish literary productions.

28—Wednesday. Give preference to this day for literary exertions; mathematical, chemical, and manufacturing engagements; though care will need to be exercised to avoid needless expenditure and losses in commercial trades.

29—Thursday. Use the forenoon for pushing all business pertaining to banks and moneyed institutions as well as the manufacturing interests, but in the afternoon it will be wise to postpone all contracts and writings, correspondence, travel and all mental efforts; make no application for favor or advancement in thine employment on this day.

30—Friday. Generally fair for most of the undertakings in life though less than usual encouragement is given for political and business dealings with incorporated bodies which are best avoided.

31—Saturday. Beware of speculation on this day; make no purchases of stock for trade; let the fair sex shun the matrimonial noose at this time and lovers see to it that their pleasant relations are not ruptured by jealousies and selfishness; social matters are entirely out of joint and the elegant pursuits are suffering unusual detriment; do not woo or wed.

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FIVE years ago the mourners went about the streets of Seattle and the visitor could well imagine that he had arrived in a graveyard. The place had come up on a boom and the boom had burst, leaving a town full of houses and no reason for them. This state of affairs had existed several years when a change came in the autumn of 1896 with the discovery of gold in the Klondike. That set the boom going once more and it has been increasing ever since. There were some rumors that it would collapse after the Klondike excitement had abated, but Klondike is still paying and in addition have come the discoveries at Cape Nome and other points in Alaska, until it may safely be said that Seattle has a gold foundation, and we all know how valuable and lasting that is.

The town was founded in 1852, away out on Puget Sound, about as far away from the Capital of the country as it could well be, and in 1855 it had grown to be a city of one hundred and fifty people. It was named in honor of Seattle, or Sealth, as his real name was, a red man who was a good Indian before he died, which cannot be said of the majority of Siwash now residing in that neighborhood. And here let me say that Siwash is not the name of an Indian tribe as eastern folks think, but is the Chinook word for Indians of all tribes. In 1865 the city contained about 1,000 people, ten years later there were 2,000, in 1885 there were 10,000, in 1895 the population had gone to 50,000, and in 1900 it was 80,671. In the latter '80s the city had a boom of such magnitude that her population from 1880 to 1890 showed an increase of 1,112 per cent.; then came the big fire which swept away fifteen million dollars worth of property, and after it came the panic of '93 which was the last blow, and Seattle went into mourning until the Klondike strike restored it to life and hope.

At present it is about the liveliest town on the map and prosperity is apparent everywhere. She needs it too, for in the first boom times enough country was laid off into town lots to make a city of a half million of people, and enough street car lines were built to reach all the territory within miles. Seattle street cars are some rougher to ride in than a jolt wagon, but they are faster than walking and drier when it rains, and it rains a good deal of the time. The car lines run about six miles north, twelve or fourteen south, and three east, to Lake Washington, which is the fresh water front of the city, as Puget Sound is its salt water front. Town lots lie all along the car lines and naturally a great many of them are vacant, seeing that there are only 80,000 people to occupy space enough for 500,000. There is money in Seattle real estate, for land may be bought as low as \$75 an acre on or near street car lines, which will be worth more than that per lot inside of two years. As a sample of growth in values I may cite the instance of one man, not yet old, who owns a business lot and building worth \$250,000, the lot part of which he paid \$250 for. An old chap not far away from this same property, still runs his fruit stand in the same old place, although the building alongside of it belongs to him, and is worth \$150,000. Much of Seattle real estate is owned by Eastern people, who are holding it for the advance. Property directly in town is high, and there is not much for sale, while, for a time, it was impossible to rent anything fit to live in. In twenty-two months twenty-two hundred houses had been built, and cottages costing from a thousand to two thousand dollars rented before they were finished at from twenty to forty dollars a month. I knew one man who began the erection of two cottages and sold them at a profit of sixteen hundred dollars before they were half done.

Another man built a house for his own use, costing \$3,600 with the lot, and before he could move into it, a stranger just arrived insisted on giving him \$5,500 for it, and got it. A great deal of money has been made in this house building business.

As Rome sat upon her seven hills and ruled the world, so Seattle stands on four and bosses the entire northwest. They are hills, too, and the way it takes your breath to walk up them or to come down them in a street car is a sensation you won't soon forget. The chief hill, that is the centre one, rises about three hundred feet above the waters of Puget Sound, or Elliot Bay as it is called at this point, and it is toboggan all the way. When a street car goes up in a hurry all the passengers are piled in the rear of the car and when it goes down they are all shaken to the front. At least that is the way you feel and you cling to the sides or to any other support in reach. The terrorizing thing of all things though is to see a fire engine come down at full speed. A fire engine is a crazy enough looking thing tearing along the level, but when it comes down an incline of forty-five degrees it makes the gooseflesh rise all over you. But what views you get from these hills. Three blocks from the water front you begin to see over the tops of the houses on the streets below, and to the south rises Mt. Rainier, three miles into the air, white and

misty and dreamy, like something out of the spirit land while far about you in a great circle of white the Cascade Range sweeps around the horizon, a frame of everlasting snow six, seven, eight, ten thousand feet high, about a wonderful picture of green earth and silver waters.

Everybody asks first about the climate, and it is a mighty hard thing for a real Seattleite to tell the truth about it. Generally speaking it is like the little girl who had a little curl that hung right down on her forehead—when it is nice it is very nice indeed, but when it is bad it's disreputable, and that is all there is about it. The rainfall is not greater, if as great as in eastern cities, but it takes so long to get it, and there is a continuous drizzle for about six months of the year. But when the sun comes out and lights the glories of the Sound there is nothing on earth like it. It is never cold in winter or warm in summer, and although not exactly a bracing climate, it is one you will keep going in, and when night comes, how you will sleep, particularly in the wet season when the atmosphere seems made to weigh your eyelids down. Children seem to thrive in it, though they can't always get out to play, and the little ones do have the brightest eyes and the pinkest cheeks you ever did see. It is good for the women, too, but Seattle women are such an active, nervous, never resting lot, that they won't let themselves have the full benefit of it. Concerning this peculiar restlessness, I have never seen anything written, but I fancy that it is due to the fact that the majority of the women are not native born, and as yet they have not convinced themselves that they are permanently settled and they must keep on the go as visitors in any place always do. There are not as many handsome women as bright ones, and their taste in dress inclined to the quiet rather than otherwise. This may be due in some degree to the climate which is bad for gay attire during the greater part of the year. The men don't seem to care about clothes, and a silk hat on the street is almost enough to excite suspicion. A Seattle man is so busy booming his town and hustling for the almighty dollar that he hasn't time to bother with any more clothes than will suffice for the demands of ordinary respectability. How they do hustle, and how young they all look. The controlling spirits of the city will not average much above thirty-five years, and old men are as scarce as millionaires. Nobody has much money, but everybody is making it, hand over fist, and the millionaire crop will be harvested by and by.

Seattle's streets are a sight to behold. They extend out even unto the nethermost parts of the earth, and most of them are hard lines. The two business streets are paved with fire-brick, some portions of the others are paved with wood and the balance are dirt roads. There are miles of wooden sidewalks and the crossings, off of the paved streets, ought to be manipulated under a ferry license. All of which is because Seattle is so new that it hasn't had time to make the walking good. Street names are lacking on corners, and houses are poorly numbered so that the stranger who tries to get around the residence portion of the town not only can't find what he is looking for, but presently can't find himself. Residences are of wood, and are tasteful in architecture with lawns that are green all the year around, and roses blooming at Christmas. There is but one detached brick residence in the city, and it cost \$40,000, which is fifty per cent. less than some of the big frame palaces cost in boom times, most of which are now boarding houses. Speaking of boarding houses, they are full to overflowing, and everybody down town who has a room to spare has a stranger within his gates at a good deal more than enough to pay his taxes. Rooms rent from ten to twenty-five dollars a month and board is from five to seven dollars a week. Hotels are not the best in the world, but they are full up most of the time.

Hired help is scarce and high and not good. House help, composed of white girls, Japs, and Chinese, is worth from fifteen to twenty-five dollars a month and found. A good girl, to do general house work, will command the latter figure or more and be sure of a steady job. All other labor is high. You see no beggars on the streets. If a man wants money and doesn't want to work for it, he loafs around in some convenient spot and quietly "holds up" a victim for whatever he may have on his person. Prices of all commodities are higher than in the east, but not extravagantly so. Drinks are two for a quarter, beer five cents a glass, the cigar most smoked is of the two-for-a-quarter kind, but Pittsburg stogies, at three for a nickel, have a big call. The damp climate is fine for cigars, and the cigar stores usually keep their entire fronts open. Butcher shops have open fronts also, but they do not close at night, further than by large, open iron work gates.

Though there are about seventy churches in Seattle, one never hears a church bell, because the churches don't have them. There is one I believe, but it is hidden away somewhere so that its voice is almost lost. Vast amounts have not been spent on church architecture, but the church organizations are progressive and thrifty. Schools prevail, and the 24 public school buildings are models of modern construction. There are nearly twelve thousand children of school age. The State University is located here, and has a number of fine buildings in a grand scenic park of 355 acres, overlooking Lake Union.

The illumination is by gas and electricity, the latest electric plant getting its material from Shoquahmie Falls twenty-five miles across country on an aluminum wire—aluminum is very light, you know. P. S. This is not a Seattle joke. Seattle is the most telephonic town in ten states. There are about 3,000 instruments in use and they are kept busy all the time. Private houses have them generally, a special low rate of \$1.25 a month being made, and half the social correspondence of the women is transacted over them. Distances are so great that people do not go to see each other before finding out if they are home, and housewives do most of their marketing by wire.

Sparking is also done by telephone and I have waited five minutes on more than one occasion for some young Romeo to break away from his Juliet and give me a chance—at mine, I was going to say, but will not.

Lake Washington lies back of the city a couple or three miles, and it is a grand body of fresh water from two to five miles wide and thirty-five long. Its shores are well adapted for resort and residential purposes. It is the fresh water front of the city, and when the canal connecting it with the Sound is completed it will be the finest fresh water harbor in the world. Lake Union lies between it and the Sound, and Seattle is the only city known that has a lake covering nine hundred acres within the city limits. All this water, and it is very deep water, gives Seattle shipping facilities second to none anywhere. From the water extend three lines of railway, the Northern Pacific the Great Northern, and the Seattle and International, giving direct communication with the North, South and East. Seattle does business, too, ships coming from all parts of the world, daily steamers to Alaskan ports, immense quantities of wheat, lumber, flour and fish are constantly on the move, while the receipts of gold from Alaska are something to make one wonder. The U. S. Assay office was established in Seattle in June 1898, and in the first eighteen months eight thousand two hundred and odd miners had deposited their dust there in exchange for eighteen million dollars in the circulating medium. The greater part of the business done by the "States" with Alaska is done through Seattle, the merchants being especially equipped for supplying all kinds of materials for mining purposes. The outgoing rush in the Spring and the return in the Fall make those seasons particularly lively for the town. Mines of gold, silver, copper, iron, lead and coal are in the mountains near by, and speculation in mines is a great business. The capitalization of the mines in the state amounts to five thousand millions of dollars, which means that you had better not dabble in mining stocks unless you know exactly what you are doing.

The new water works will give the city a daily supply of 25,000,000 gallons. There are



THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

three daily newspapers, one barely started, and two, the Post Intelligencer and The Times, morning and evening, having all they can do to keep up with advertisements and subscriptions. The Post Intelligencer, popularly known as the "P. I.," is the organ for the whole northwest. There are over forty other publications of various kinds. Dailies sell at a nickel apiece, and a nickel is the minimum coin in circulation.

There are numerous beautiful parks in which almost tropical vegetation abounds, and the roses of Seattle are, in their season, incomparable in size, beauty and profusion. One of these parks is yet almost in its wild state and is filled with enormous trees, one of them measuring over forty-four feet in circumference.

Two of Seattle's most noted objects are Colonel Jim Ham Lewis, and the Totem Pole. Colonel Jim Ham can speak for himself. As for the Totem Pole it is the pride of the town, and no other city has one. It is not for me to say how the city came by it, but it got it, and now it rises fifty feet above the ground of Pioneer Place in unique and gorgeous coloring and carving, and cynosure of all eyes. Gambling shops and all kinds of dives flourish and the sentiment of the community rather favors their existence than otherwise, seeing that there is such a large mining element in the population with money to spend on that sort of thing. A two hundred thousand dollar court house rises grandly o'er the scene, but up to date there is no government building worth mentioning. Two theatres are in operation and the shows are plenty in that part of town known as "below the dead line." There are two or three good clubs, the Rainier leading as the swell organization. There are golf links, and a Seattle golfer or golfer looks the part admirably. Horses and carriages are in the minority as the hilly streets, and absence of good roads in the country make them of little use. The automobile will never be a success in Seattle, though the wheel has many votaries and the Seattle bicycle path, eight or ten miles long, is famous for the beauty of its scenery. At one place it runs across the water for nearly two miles on piles. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce is a hustling body of business men who have an eye out always for the promotion of the city's prosperity. Everybody in Seattle, and in all the Northwest for that matter, is in favor of expansion, and the proper development of the oriental trade will make a wonderful country of that whole section with Seattle as the Empress City. One of the fastest steam vessels afloat is the Flyer making three trips a

day to Tacoma and piling up a record of over 70,000 miles a year, done in about 210,000 minutes, running time. Seattle has the bulk of the Alaska trade and there is a ship a day leaving for the North.

More umbrellas are sold in Seattle in a year than in any city of its size on earth. The western oyster abounds and it looks like a chewed paper wad and tastes like a copper rivet. Apples are found on the fruit stands that will just about fit in a man's hat, and cucumbers in market that won't go in a boot-leg. The luckiest woman in Seattle is a Yankee, who rented the old Rainier hotel at twenty-five dollars a month for five years as a kind of caretaker just before the Klondike revival. At last accounts she was clearing \$1,500 a month on her investment running it as an apartment house. Taxes are only about two and a half per cent. on a two-thirds appraisal.

The population includes all nationalities, and every state in the Union is represented, with a particularly strong contingent from the South. The people are delightfully hospitable, and they think their town is simply the only place on earth fit to live in. It used to be that they always asked a man what his name was "back East," but they have grown beyond that now and there is a 400 as aristocratic and as conventional as anything Ward McAllister ever engineered to social prestige. Pink teas and studio receptions and cotillions and assembly balls and literary clubs and things like that are found all over and they compare favorably with the best in the land.

So much for the Seattle of today, and the half hasn't been told, but it is as nothing to what it will be a dozen years hence. The enthusiasm of the people, their enterprise and energy, their loyalty to and confidence in their city and their perfect belief in its future greatness, is invigorating to see and to hear and feel, and when even the casual observer realizes the wonderful possibilities everywhere manifest, he throws aside his prejudice, forewears his unbelief and tossing his cap in air he hurrahs with the rest of them from Seattle. He just can't help it, and when he is in the East again he wonders what it is that he misses and he involuntarily stretches out his neck to get a breath of the air he had been lately breathing.

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